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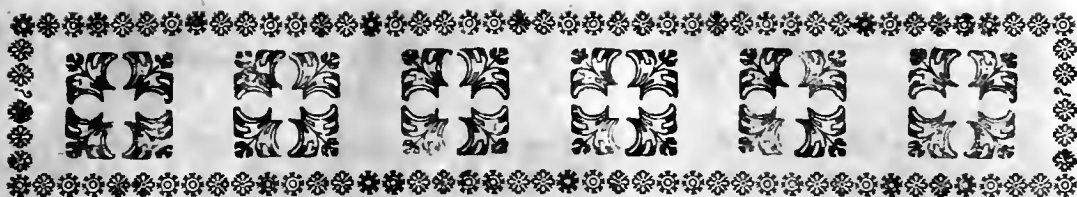
V O T E S
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P R O C E E D I N G S
O F T H E
General Assembly
O F T H E
Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a *SESSION* of General Assembly held at *Pertb-Amboy* ;
began *March* 27, 1761, and continued till the 7th Day of *April*
following.



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G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y.

The Names of the REPRESENTATIVES.

City of Perth-Amboy,	<i>John Stevens,</i>	<i>Andrew Smyth,</i>
County of Middlesex,	<i>Samuel Nevill, Speaker.</i>	<i>John Wetherill,</i>
Monmouth,	<i>James Holmes,</i>	<i>Richard Lawrence,</i>
Effex,	<i>Robert Ogden,</i>	<i>John Ogden,</i>
Somerfet,	<i>Hendrick Fisher,</i>	<i>John Hogland,</i>
Bergen,	<i>Renier Van Giesen,</i>	<i>Theunis Dey,</i>
City of Burlington,	<i>Samuel Smith,</i>	<i>John Lawrence,</i>
County of Burlington,	<i>Daniel Doughty,</i>	<i>Joseph Borden,</i>
Gloucester,	<i>Samuel Clements,</i>	<i>David Cooper,</i>
Salem & Cumberland,	<i>William Hancock,</i>	<i>Ebenezer Millar,</i>
Cape-May,	<i>Aaron Leaming,</i>	<i>Jacob Spicer,</i>
Hunterdon, Morris, & Suffex.	<i>George Reading,</i>	<i>John Hart.</i>

20th Assembly.

P E R T H - A M B O Y, *Friday March 27, 1761.*

P U R S U A N T to his Majesty's Writs for electing Representatives for the Province of *New-Jersey*, to serve in General Assembly, returnable at *Perth-Amboy* the Eighteenth of this instant *March*, and several Prorogations since to this Day, Sixteen Members met.

Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stevens* were desired by the Members, to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself had waited upon his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, that he will soon send the Dedimus and Persons therein appointed, to qualify the Members; after which, his Excellency requests the Members to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker without further Notice.

His Excellency sent to the House a Dedimus, appointing the Honourable *Samuel Nevill* and *Richard Saltar*, Esqrs. and *Charles Read* and *Courtland Skinner*, Esqrs. or any one of them, to qualify the Members, and the Clerk of the Crown attending with the Rolls, the Members present were qualified before the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Mr. *Nevill* was then qualified before *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; The

Members

Members then proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and unanimously chose the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; who was conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Smyth* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon by the House to present their Speaker, for his Excellency's Approbation.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Smyth* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House might attend him to present their Speaker, at Half an Hour past three o'Clock this Afternoon.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Presentation of their Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency : Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented him to his Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice ; and that he had requested of his Excellency, that the House might at all Times be protected in all their usual Privileges : Which his Excellency was pleased to engage. And then his Excellency made a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which, Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows :

“ Gentlemen of the Council ; Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

THE Occasion of my calling you together at this Juncture, is not only to condole with you, in a late melancholly Event, which has penetrated every *British* Bosom with unfeigned Sorrow, nor merely to congratulate with you, on the Accession of his present most gracious Majesty, whose acknowledged Virtues forbode us Happiness, and whose Declarations from the Throne in Favour of his People, have been received with universal Exultations of Joy and Gratitude : These Subjects indeed are much too important to be silent upon, of too interesting a Nature not to have excited in us all the different Sensations of Sorrow and Gladness ; But at the Distance we are from the Royal Presence, our Actions will best declare the Propriety of our Sentiments on both these Occasions, and an Adherence to the Measures (as far as we are concerned) that gave Splendor to the last Reign, be the properest Tribute to the glorious Memory of our late Monarch, and the most undoubted Testimony of our Loyalty and Affection to our present most gracious Sovereign. This Testimony, Gentlemen, you have now an immediate Opportunity of exhibiting ; for I have his Majesty's Commands, signified to me by Mr. Secretary *PITT*, to use my utmost Endeavours, to induce you to raise two Thirds only of the Number of Men you raised last Campaign ; since which, General *Amberst* has wrote to me, in Concurrence with this Requisition ; in both which Letters are contained such various, such cogent, such incontestible Reasons, for this Measure, which I now most cordially recommend to you, that I cannot dispense with laying them before you : And when I consider, Gentlemen, how successfully, how much to your Advantage, your former Aids have

‘ been

‘ been employed ; when I consider that your Taxes bear no Shadow of Pro-
 ‘ portion to the augmented Prices of your Commodities ; that this Calamity of
 ‘ War, instead of Desolation has really spread Affluence among you ; that it
 ‘ has been carried on for your Preservation, and is continued for the Security
 ‘ of those Conquests you deem so essential to it ; that, in the Number of
 ‘ Troops required of you, there is the highest Appearance of Moderation,
 ‘ and that with a View also to the Parliamentary Donation ; the Conduct of
 ‘ this Province should correspond with its former Zeal on the like Occasions ;
 ‘ for these Reasons, I profess the utmost Confidence, that your Compliance
 ‘ will be chearful and expeditious.”

PERTH-AMBOY, *March 27, 1761.*

THOMAS BOONE.

Ordered,
 That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

Ordered,
 That the Clerk of the Crown lay the Writs for electing Representatives, and their
 Returns before the House ; and that the Clerk serve him with a Copy of this Order.

Resolved,
 That *Miles Weeks* be Door-keeper to this House.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, March 28, 1761.

The House met.

His Excellency by the Secretary laid before the House the Letters mentioned
 in his Speech of Yesterday ; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Clerk of the Crown laid the Writs for Election, and their Returns, before
 the House.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, March 30, 1761.

The House met.

Samuel Smith, Daniel Doughty, Samuel Clement, William Hancock, Ebenezer Millar,
 and *Aaron Leaming*, Esqrs. returned to serve in General Assembly, attending, were
 qualified in the House before Mr. *Nevill*.

Ordered,
 That they take their Seats in the House accordingly.

His Excellency's Speech and Letters therein referred to, were read the second Time,
 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved,
 That two Members of this House, with the Speaker, be a sufficient Number
 to meet and adjourn from Time to Time ; but that not less than Sixteen, be a
 sufficient Number to proceed to any other Business, nor less than Eighteen, when
 any Money is to be raised or applied.

Resolved,
 That the Members' Yeas and Nays, be entered in the Minutes, if desired
 by any three Members.

Resolved,

That a Committee of Grievances do sit every Wednesday, if there be Occasion; and that said Committee be a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print the Votes of the House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Catharine Peirce* and *Anne Pigeon*, setting forth, that they are seized in Fee of a certain Tract of Land situate on the East Side of *Center-Town*, in the County of *Middlesex*, through which the *York* Road, as now laid out, runs, to their Prejudice; praying a Law to alter said Road; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Francis Goelet*, of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, setting forth, that for many Years he followed Merchandize in the City of *New-York*, and by Misfortunes had become reduced, and unable to discharge all his Debts, but was willing to give up all his Effects to his Creditors, provided they would accept of the same in Discharge of his Debts; praying the House to take his Case into Consideration, and grant him suitable Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 31, 1761.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee, of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth the great Inconveniencies they have for many Years laboured under, for Want of a Ferry properly established across *Cobanssey* Creek, from the Landing Place of the said Township of *Greenwich*, to a Point of Salt Marsh belonging to *Mark Reeve*, opposite thereto, and a Road from the same through said Marsh, properly laid out and maintained; praying a Law for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying for the Reasons therein contained, that said County may have the Liberty of sending Members to represent them in the General Assembly; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth the Inconvenience they labour under, by not having the Place for building a Court-House and Goal ascertained; praying a Law

Law for building the same, at or near *Henry Harelocker's*, as the most central Place in said County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Possessors of three several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, lying and adjoining on the North Side of *Cohansey Creek*, in the County of *Cumberland*; praying a Law to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *David Slayback*, *Henry Luts*, *Michael Hammer*, and *John Allison*, Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave, he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a Humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Humble Address of Condolance and Congratulation be presented to his Majesty, on the Demise of our late most Gracious Sovereign, and his Majesty's Accession to the Throne of *Great-Britain*; and that the Council be desired to join in said Address. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That 500 effective Volunteers, Officers included, be immediately raised by this Colony, for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for the levying, cloathing and paying the aforesaid Forces, there be immediately £25,000, struck in Paper Bills of Credit, to be sunk by Provincial Taxes. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for an Encouragement to said Volunteers to enter into said Service, there be allowed to each effective Man, a Bounty of *Nine Pounds*, and Cloathing, with the usual Pay. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, and Mr. *Stevens*, assisted by Mr. Speaker, do wait on the Council, and desire them to join with this House in an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty, on the Demise of our late most gracious Sovereign, and his Majesty's Accession to the Throne of *Great Britain*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Robert Ogden*, Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, and Mr. *Doughty*, be a Committee, to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Andrew Smyth*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, and Mr. *Reading*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for raising the aforesaid Forces, and making Provision for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Hogbland*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to obviate any Dispute that may arise touching the Validity of the Proceedings of the last Session of General Assembly on Account of the Demise of his late Majesty.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Millar*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, be a Committee, to settle the several Accounts of such Persons as have been employed in laying out the Publick Money, as are now ready for that Purpose; and make Report thereof to the House.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 1, 1761.

The House met.

Two Petitions of one Tenor, were presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of this Colony, praying for the Reasons therein contained, that a Duty may be laid on all Negro Slaves imported into this Colony; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Thomas Johnson*, of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, setting forth, that in the Year 1757, a Number of the *Jersey* Regiment were quartered on him, which the then Paymaster of said Regiment refused to pay to the Petitioner; and as the said Soldiers were secured from Arrests in Civil Actions, he had no possible Remedy for recovering the same; praying the House to take his Case into their serious Consideration, and order him suitable Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants in and about *Prince-Town* and *Kings-Town*, setting forth the great Hardships and Expence they are put to, by Travelling Parties of Soldiers passing and repassing through said Towns; praying Provision may be made for reimbursing the Expences they are necessarily put to thereby; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising Five Hundred effective Volunteers, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; which being read, is in the Words following.

“ *PERTH-AMBOY, April 1, 1761.*

‘ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.*

‘ **I** Little expected to find upon your Minutes, a Resolve for raising a
 ‘ smaller Number of Troops than were required of you; his Majesty’s
 ‘ Tenders in asking fewer from this Province than formerly, seems to
 ‘ afford the strongest Presumption, that what are asked are really wanted; I
 ‘ must therefore desire you, to re-consider this Resolve; to be governed by
 ‘ your own sufficient Judgments; to let the Reasons assigned you, operate as
 ‘ forcibly as they ought, and to weigh deliberately in the Scale of Interest,
 ‘ if necessary, the Consequence of a Refusal, which may possibly exclude
 ‘ you from the Parliamentary Donations of 1759 and 1760, kept back,
 ‘ perhaps, as a Pledge for the Perseverance of the Colonies in their former
 ‘ Zeal: And to induce you not to deny this his Majesty’s first Request, I
 ‘ will, as far as my Regard for your Welfare will allow me, favour you in
 ‘ the Time for sinking the Debt so incurr’d.”

T H O. B O O N E.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Message have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House and read, from *Michael Henderfoot*, setting forth, that he formerly set a Lottery on Foot, to pay his just Debts, and to remedy his Misfortunes, and been at considerable Expence in printing his Scheme, and selling his Tickets ; praying for an Act to be enabled to draw the said Lottery.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be rejected ; and that the Petitioner be referred to extricate himself from his Difficulties by a commendable Industry.

The Petition of *Catharine Peirce* and *Anne Pigeon*, for altering a Road, was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That if the Petitioners clear a Road in the Manner they propose, to the Satisfaction of the Overseers of the Highway of that Township for the Time being, and they afterwards find any Inconvenience in not having a Law to effect their Purpose, that this House, upon Proof of the same, will pass a Law to alter the said Road.

The Petition of *Francis Goelet*, was read the second Time ; and on the Question, whether the said Petitioner have conditional Relief or not ? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Andrew Smyth*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The Petition of *David Slayback* and others, for Naturalization, was read the second Time ; and it appearing to the House, by a Certificate under the Hand of the Secretary, that the said Persons have taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law.

Ordered,

That said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of said Petition.

Whereupon Mr. *Wetherill*, in Behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing David Slayback, Henry Luts, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*, for erecting a Ferry across *Cobanscy-Creek*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Session of Assembly ; provided they give publick Notice thereof in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before said Session, and no reasonable Objection then appearing against the same.

His Excellency's Message of this Morning was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hart*, do wait upon his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, acquaint him, That in fixing the Number of Men for the Service of the ensuing Summer, the House proceeded with the utmost Concern for his Majesty's Service ; but being well assured, the Scarcity of Men in this Government, and the past Services of a similar Nature, is such, that the Officers will be put to great Difficulty in completing the full Number proposed, in the Time they will be wanted, thought it most to the Credit of the Province, to fix upon a Number that might probably be raised, than to have the Name of raising more than can be effected, and thereby expose the Service to a Disappointment we are unwilling to incur : That

the Province is extremely drained of Men, and our Inhabitants on that Account greatly distressed for Want of the necessary Labour; must be Facts well known to his Excellency; and therefore the House would be glad he will please to interpret the voting Five Hundred Men, as an Instance of Exertion under such Difficulties, that Nothing but a Willingness to assist in the common Cause, a grateful Sense of the Favours we have received, and a strong Desire to stand well in his Majesty's Esteem, could have effected: That as to the Time of sinking the Bills, we flatter ourselves, fixing it at a shorter Distance than has already been once done, will be attended with no Inconvenience: And we hope his Excellency will consider our Debt and Difficulties, and not suffer that to remain as an Obstacle, when so essential a Service depends upon it.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising 500 effective Volunteers, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the afore-mentioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, April 2, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *Wetberill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of the late Assembly, passed last Session, and continuing the Ordinances for establishing of Courts within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself had waited on his Excellency, with the Message of the House of Yesterday.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary:

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives;*

“ **I**N Answer to your Message of Yesterday, I must observe, that by your own Way of Reasoning, you have an Opportunity of paying a due Regard to the Royal Requisition, at no greater Expence either of Men or Money than would be incurr'd by your present Resolve; for if the Men will not enlist, neither the Country or Treasury will be drained, and your Zeal be nevertheless conspicuous; but by limiting the Number of Men to a smaller than was required, I must understand, that you do not chuse to risk the Possibility of a greater Number being raised. The Time for sinking the Bills is not mentioned upon your Minutes; I can therefore say nothing upon that Head; but beg you will suppose me at least as cautious of infringing my Instructions, without ample Reasons for so doing, as any the most faithful of my Predecessors.”

April 2, 1761.

T H O. B O O N E.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing David Slayback, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Andrew Smyth* and Mr. *Hart*.

The Petition from *Prince-Town*, complaining of the Hardship of billeting Soldiers, &c. was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

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The Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants of this Province, praying to have a Duty laid on the Importation of Negroes, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether a Committee be now appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, at the next Session of General Assembly, or that the Consideration thereof should be delayed till then; it was carried for appointing a Committee now, as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. S. Smith;

Y E A S.

Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Milnor,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Reading;

N A Y S.

Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Learning.

Ordered,

That Mr. Samuel Smith and Mr. Borden be a Committee, to prepare and bring in said Bill at next Session.

Mr. A. Smyth, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from several of the Inhabitants of *Cumberland*, praying for a Law, to bank three several Tracts of Tide Meadow, was read the second Time; and it appearing to the House, that due Notice was given in the publick News-Papers, of the intended Application to this House, and no Objection being made;

Ordered,

That Mr. Millar have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners, at next Session.

Mr. Andrew Smyth, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing David Slayback, &c.* reported the same, without any Amendment, which was read and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of the late Assembly, passed last Session, and continuing the Ordinance for establishing Courts within this Province, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. S. Smith and Mr. Doughty.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Hancock and Mr. Reading.

The Petition for building a Court-House in *Suffex*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration at next Session, when all Persons concern'd may attend with their Allegations.

The Petition from *Morris County*, praying for Liberty to chuse Members of Assembly, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

Mr. S. Smith, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House: And on the Question; the said Bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. John Lawrence, had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

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The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for raising 500 effective Volunteers, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto, and had augmented the Number of Volunteers to Six Hundred.

Which said Bill with the Amendments, being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ; which being read, was in the Words following.

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives ;*

“ **I** This Minute received a Letter from General *Amberst*, in Answer to
 “ one I sent him, making Mention of your Resolve : He expresses
 “ great Surprize, and declares, he can by no Means accept of a Man less
 “ than the King requires : He also informs me, that the *New-York* Assembly
 “ are re-considering their former Resolve ; and he is privately assured, the
 “ expected Numbers will be granted. I must beg of you, therefore, Gentle-
 “ men, to enable me to report as favourably of you, as I sincerely wish to
 “ do upon every Occasion.”

T H O. B O O N E.

PERTH-AMBOY, April 2, 1761.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 3, 1761.

The House met.

Jacob Spicer, Esq; returned a Member to serve in General Assembly ; attending, was qualified in the House before Mr. *Nevill*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* do take his Seat in the House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising 600 effective Volunteers, Officers included, &c.* was read and compared : And on the Question ; Whether the said Bill do pass or not ? It was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
 Mr. *A. Smyth*,
 Mr. *R. Ogden*,
 Mr. *J. Ogden*,
 Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Hogbland*,
 Mr. *Vangeson*,
 Mr. *Dey*,
 Mr. *Borden*,
 Mr. *Leaming*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Hart*,
 Mr. *Reading*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
 Mr. *Holmes*,
 Mr. *Clement*,
 Mr. *Hancock*,
 Mr. *Spicer*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet* ; reported, that they had made several Amendments thereto ; which Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session, and continuing the Ordinances for establishing Courts, &c.* was read and compared : And on the Question ;

Resolved ; Nemine contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing David Slayback, &c.* was read and compared : And on the Question ;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the abovesaid Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Samuel Smith* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself, assisted by Mr. Speaker, had waited on the Council with the Message of the House, requesting they would join in an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty ; who were pleased to signify their Readiness to join in said Address.

The House adjourn'd for an Hour.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet*, was read and compared : And on the Question ; Whether the said Bill do pass or not ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. *A. Smith*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *John Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Sam. Smith*.

YEAS.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Millar*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Reading*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Vangeson*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Andrew Smyth* and Mr. *Borden* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, April 4, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same ; which being read and amended, was unanimously agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and compar'd.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed, when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Andrew Smyth* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, reported, that said Committee had inspected and settled the Accounts of *Thomas Skinner*, Barrack-Master in *Perth-Amboy*, to the First of *November* last, and find a Ballance due to the Colony remaining in his Hands, of *Twelve Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence*, Proclamation. To which Report the House agreed.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Publick Accounts, made the following Report ; to which the House agreed.

Dr. Samuel Nevill, John Johnston, John Wetherill, Jacob Dehart,
Henry Fisher, Joseph Yard, Aaron Leaming, Joseph
Borden, Joseph Hollinshead, and Abraham Hewlings, Esqrs.
Commissioners appointed in April, 1755.

1755. To Cash paid by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; at sundry Times, to <i>Samuel Nevill, John Johnston, John Wetherill, Jacob Dehart, Henry Fisher, and</i> <i>Aaron Leaming</i> , Esqrs. amounting to	£. 7,299-17-00
To Cash paid by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; at sundry Times, to <i>Joseph Yard, Joseph Borden,</i> <i>Aaron Leaming, Joseph Hollinshead, and Abraham Hewlings</i> , Esqrs. amounting to	3,473-17-0
To Remnants credited the Colony	9-17-4½
	£. 10,783-11-04½

By Order of the Committee,

WILLIAM HANCOCK,
EBENEZER MILLAR,
RICHARD LAWRENCE.

*per Contra,**Cr.*

1755. By Monies disbursed in the Service by Samuel Nevill, Jacob Debart, John Johnston, John Wetherill, Henry Fisher, Joseph Yard, Aaron Leaming, Joseph Hollinshead, Joseph Borden, and Abraham Hewlings, Esqrs. as per sundry Receipts and Vouchers, which were examined and allowed by the Committee of the late House of Assembly, as appears by their Report of March 17, 1759.	£. 9,457-09-03½
By Commissions thereon at Five per Cent.	472-17-06
By Monies Jacob Debart returned to Andrew Johnston, Esq;	119-06-08
By Ballance remaining in the Hands of Jacob Debart, Esq; which he ought to return to the Treasury,	3-10-09
By Cash in the Hands of John Johnston, Esq; which his Executors ought to return to the Treasury, if not already done,	9-17-06
By Cash returned to Samuel Smith, Esq; by Messrs. Hewlings and Hollinshead,	31-12-08
By Ditto, returned to Andrew Johnston, Esq; by Mr. Nevill,	60-00-00
By Ditto, returned to Samuel Smith, Esq; by Hollinshead and Hewlings,	612-10-00
By Ditto, retained in Mr. Fisher's Hands, for a Debt due to him from the Colony, as per Report of Committee, in Minutes of the 10th of August, 1758,	16-07-00
	£. 10,783-11-4½

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Robert Ogden, and Mr. Andrew Smyth, or any three of them, appointed a Committee at the last Session of Assembly at Burlington, be continued a Committee, to inspect and adjust Colonel John Johnston and Stephen Crane's Accounts, during the Vacation, and report the same to the House at next Session.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The

The House met.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Borden* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, April 6, 1761.

The House met.

David Cooper, Esq; returned a Member to serve in General Assembly, attending, was qualified in the House before Mr. *Nevill*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* do take his Seat in the House.

Mr. *John Ogden*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Dr. John Taylor, Esq; to the Province of New-Jersey ; per Contra, Cr.

1756. To sundry Sums received from Samuel Smith, Western Treasurer, - - - £. 1661-00-00	1756, By sundry Disbursements allowed by the Committee, as appears per Vouchers for the same, - - - £. 9432-09-02½
1757. To sundry Sums received from Andrew Johnston, Eastern Treasurer, - - - 7770-06-10	
Due from the Province to John Taylor, Esq; - - - 1-02-04½	
<u>£. 9432-09-02½</u>	<u>£. 9432-09-02½</u>

Perth-Amboy, April 3, 1761.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN OGDEN,
JOHN HART,
GEO. READING.

Memorandum. When the Accounts of Mr. Thomas Eaton were reported, there was a Note at the Bottom, that £. 371-16-0, therein mentioned, was properly chargeable to John Taylor, Esq; which Mr. Taylor denies : Therefore, this Committee recommend, that at next Sitting of Assembly, Mr. Eaton's Accounts, touching that Article, be re-examined and adjusted.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made several Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session, and continuing the Ordinances for establishing of Courts, &c.* desiring the Concurrence of the House to said Amendments.

Also, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising Six Hundred effective Volunteers, &c.* and the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing David Slayback, &c.* and the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Golet; without any Amendments.*

The

The House taking into Consideration the Council's Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts, &c.* concurred thereto, and ordered, that said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Ordered,

That the Printer do send the usual Number of the Laws and Votes, when printed, by some safe and speedy Conveyance, to such Places as the Members of each respective County shall direct, to be distributed as usual; and the House will provide for defraying the necessary Expence attending such Conveyances.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 7, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *John Ogden*, from the Committee on Publick Accounts, reported, that *Samuel Sarjeant* and *Andrew Smyth*, two of the Commissioners appointed for paying for quartering Soldiers in this Colony, have received of Treasurer *Johnston*, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ten-pence Half-penny*; which said Sum they have paid out for quartering Soldiers in the City of *Perth-Amboy*, between the 17th of *December, 1760*; and *March 21st, 1761*. And that said *Andrew Smyth*, had disbursed for the Use of the Provincial Regiment last Year, *Fifty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five-pence*, which he omitted charging in his Account, settled during the last Session, at *Burlington*; which remains due to him from the Province. To which Report the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, now entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session, and for confirming the Proceedings of the Courts of Justice, &c.* was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fisher* produced to the House, a Receipt from Treasurer *Johnston*, for *Nine Pounds, Eight Shillings and One Half-penny*, being a Ballance due to the Colony, remaining in Mr. *Fisher's* Hands, on the Money he received for billeting Soldiers, as reported at *Burlington, December the Third, 1760*.

Mr. *Andrew Smyth* reported, that *Samuel Sarjeant* and himself, had expended in taking Care of the Provincial Soldiers that returned sick into the Province last Winter, *£. 43-0-7*, being *£. 2-3-0* less than they had received from Treasurer *Johnston* and *Aaron Leaming*, Esqrs. for that Purpose; which Sum of *£. 2-3-0* he produced Mr. Treasurer *Johnston's* Receipt for. To which Report the House agreed.

The Address of Condolance and Congratulation, from the Council and General Assembly to his Majesty, was read in the House, and approved of.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency, and presented their Address in the Words following.

To His Excellency THOMAS BOONE, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, with the Rest of his Majesty's dutiful Subjects nearly affected by the Decease of our late gracious Sovereign, beg Leave to mention it with the sincerest Condolance. His distant Subjects felt the Influence of his Virtues. We gratefully commemorate his mild and benevolent Reign : And animated by the Prospect of the same being continued in his Royal House, most heartily congratulate his present Majesty's Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors, " whose acknowledged Virtues," as your Excellency justly remarks, " forbode us Happiness, and have been received " with universal Exultations of Joy and Gratitude."

Tho' we differ in Opinion with your Excellency, that our " Taxes bear no " Shadow of Proportion to the augmented Prices of our Commodities." Yet as the Management and Success of the present War, afford the glorious Prospect of future Ease and Quiet, we do not repine ; tho' our Debt is great, and we are exposed to extreme Difficulties respecting common Labour. Under these Considerations, we hope the additional Assistance we have now given to the common Cause, may yield full Satisfaction, and entitle us to the future Favour of his Majesty.

By Order of the House,

PERTH-AMBOY, April 4, 1761.

SAMUEL NEVILL,

Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives ;

I Return you many Thanks for your Address, and sincerely wish, that the Aid you have given, may be acceptable : To deserve his Majesty's Favour, Gentlemen, is the most certain Means of procuring it."

PERTH-AMBOY, April 7, 1761.

THO. BOONE.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. An Act for raising Six Hundred effective Volunteers, Officers included, for his Majesty's Service, and making Provision for the same ; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

2. And

2. *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session, and for confirming the Proceedings of the Courts of Justice in this Province, since the Demise of his late Majesty.*

3. *An Act for naturalizing David Slayback, Henry Luts, Michael Hammer and John Allison.*

4. *An Act for the Relief of Francis Golet.*

After which, his Excellency made the following Speech to the Council and House of Assembly.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council ; Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives ;*

• **I** would have given me great Pleasure, to have reported to his Majesty’s Ministers, that you had fully complied with the King’s Requisition and Expectations : What you have done, as it approaches so very near to what was required of you, will, I hope, be of Service. I have done every Thing in my Power upon this Occasion, that my Duty to the Crown requires ; my Regard for you now prompts me to set your Conduct in as favourable a Light as I can, consistent with the real Truth ; and you will not do me Justice, if you doubt my being at all Times solicitous for your Credit and Reputation. I shall now, Gentlemen, detain you no longer from your domestick Concerns, but prorogue this Assembly to the 4th Day of May next, then to meet at *Burlington.*”

T H O. B O O N E.

PERTH-AMBOY, April 7, 1761.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.

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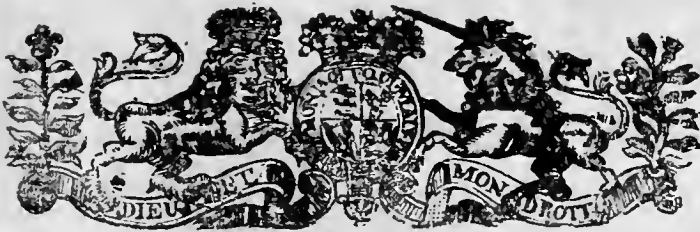
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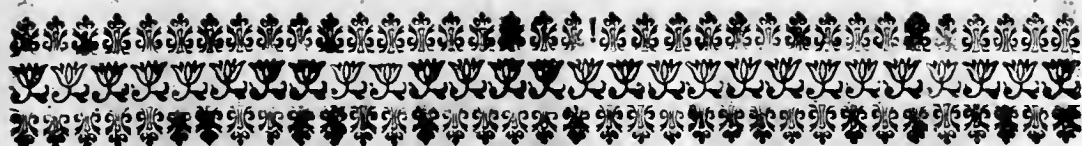
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V O T E S

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BURLINGTON, *Saturday, July 4, 1761.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, July 6, 1761.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Hancock*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, That a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are now met, and are ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him presently.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Mr. Speaker accordingly left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: And being returned; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which, Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

" Gentlemen of the Council; Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

" A Punctual Attendance, when summoned to meet, is as much your
" Duty, as to meet at all; and if each Person, instead of paying
" an exact Regard to a legal Call, will judge for himself when his Presence
" may be requisite, 'tis plain, Gentlemen, we may be exposed to as much
" Uncertainty, as there is Difference in the Opinions of so many Individuals
" as form the Legislature of this Province: My own Time I devote with
" Pleasure to the Publick. For your Convenience I represent this; and
" request you, to esteem yourselves of more Consequence, than to suppose it a
" Matter of mere Indifference whether your Deliberations are postponed
" or not.

“ AT your last Sessions, for very essential Reasons, no less than the Security of his Majesty's Conquests in *North-America*, and the accelerating a Peace on Terms of Glory and Advantage, you were induced, Gentlemen, to pass a Bill for the raising Six Hundred Men ; and under all the Disadvantages of the Increase of Bounty to Soldiers in a neighbouring Province, and the Diminution of it in ours, I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that your Numbers have been very near completed. But in a Letter from General AMHERST, dated at *Albany* the 15th of *June*, he observes, That the Time limited for our Regiment's serving, will expire before it is possible that the regular Forces to be employed on the important intended Expedition can return to relieve them, and that a small Body of Men will be absolutely necessary for the Protection of the several Forts, and Country in general ; I have called you, therefore, Gentlemen, as expeditiously as I could, in order to recommend to you, the Providing for the Continuance of Sixty-four Men, a Captain and a Lieutenant ; being your Proportion, agreeable to the Numbers required of the several Colonies for this essential Service : And I am empowered by the General, to assure you, that your Troops shall not be detained one Day longer in the Service than is absolutely requisite.

“ I shall neither insult your Zeal or Judgments with an unnecessary Display of Arguments : The Season and Measure both require Expedition ; and as the Necessity of this is undeniable, I could wish you to intitle yourselves, not only to the Merit of an Assent, but of an immediate One.”

BURLINGTON, July 6, 1761.

THOMAS BOONE.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

Ordered,

That *David Overton* be appointed Door-keeper to this House.

His Excellency's Speech was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House ; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again ; To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the House will proceed upon no other Business this Sitting, than what is recommended in his Excellency's Speech.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions ; which the Committee was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock*, in the Behalf of the Committee, reported the said Resolutions as follows, *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

1. *Resolved,*

That pursuant to General AMHERST'S Request, this Day communicated to the House, Provision be forthwith made for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-four private Men, Volunteers, and a Captain and Lieutenant to command them; the said Cloathing and Pay, together with the Bounty to be given, to begin the second Day of *November, 1761*; and the Pay to continue till the First of *November, 1762*, unless the said Men shall be sooner discharged. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

As an Encouragement to such of the Troops already in the Pay of this Colony, voluntarily to enter in the Service aforesaid, besides the Cloathing and Pay to be allowed them, there be moreover paid a Bounty of *Three Pounds*, to each of the said Volunteers so inlisting, or in case of Deficiency among them, to any other Volunteers that may enlist in the Service, not exceeding the Number aforesaid. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That the Officers and Soldiers have the same Pay and the same Cloathing (except only a Watch Coat instead of a close-bodied Coat) as the present Troops. To which the House agreed.

4. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech; To which the House agreed.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in these Words.

" Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

*" W*HILST you are now assembled, I can't but recommend to you
" for some further Provision, Major *Mac Donald*, an Officer who has
" served you faithfully for several Campaigns, and whose Diligence in forward-
" ing the late Levies, and Attention in the Embarkation of them, I myself have
" experienced; and should be very sorry if an Officer who has deserved so
" well of the Province, should be upon a worse Footing than in the former
" Campaign."

T H O. B O O N E.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Robert Ogden*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, and Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, be a Committee, to prepare an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Reading*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill conformable to the above Resolves.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday, July 7, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *S. Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, which, by Leave of the House, he reported; and the said Address was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker communicated to the House a Letter he had received from *Andrew Smyth*, Esq; a Member of this House, informing the House of his being unable to attend; which being read,

Ordered,

That the said Mr. *Smyth* have Leave to be absent accordingly.

The Address to his Excellency was read a second Time; and some Amendment being made thereto, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, (Officers included) to be employed in his Majesty's Service, from and after the first Day of November next*; which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, &c.* was read the second Time; and several Amendments being made thereto in the House, the same as amended, on the Question, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency, and being return'd, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency with their Address, in the Words following, viz.

To his Excellency THOMAS BOONE, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of REPRESENTATIVES of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, have, without Delay, taken into Consideration the providing for a Number of Men to be enlisted, pursuant to the Expectation of his Excellency General AMHERST, and done therein according to his Desire, in Confidence of their being discharged at the Time limited.

Tho' we could not be sufficiently assured, that the Number we provided for last Spring, considering the extreme Scarcity of Men among us, could be raised; it is with Pleasure, we now receive the Information your Excellency has given us, that the Regiment is so nearly compleated. We have not in the Course of this War been remarkable for Deficiencies: We entered into the Service with a View of giving our best Assistance, and with Hopes of future Security: We have, tho' deeply in Debt, continued our Endeavours; and as the salutary Prospect of a General Peace seems at Hand, notwithstanding we have had, and must hereafter struggle with heavy Taxes, when the important Point of Security against French Perfidy and Savage Cruelty is obtained, we doubt not of their being paid with Chearfulness, and the Occasion retained with grateful Admiration.

If common Report may be credited, this is likely to be our last Address to your Excellency; unsolicited by any Applications, it may, we presume be unexpected; yet permit us to remark, that as we have asked Nothing of you unbecoming his Majesty's Representative to grant, you have refused us Nothing we have asked. If it is honourable to distinguish an Administration, not only unsullied, but publicly kind and benevolent; such an Administration as your's, demands our grateful Acknowledgments. The Shortness of the Time you have been among us, is an Objection not in our Power to remedy: On your Successor, therefore, must remain our future Hopes; whom we shall be happy to find equally succeeding to our Wishes.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

“ *Gentlemen,*
 “ **Y**OU have given a fresh Instance of your Duty to the Crown, and Rea-
 “ diness to promote his Majesty’s Measures, by so chearful and speedy
 “ Compliance with General AMHERST’s Requisition; nor will your Confidence
 “ be abused.

“ A common Report, Gentlemen, has been productive of a very kind Com-
 “ pliment to me: I have discharged my Duty faithfully; and am particularly
 “ happy, that a Conduct which I have pursued without Difficulty, should be
 “ looked upon by you with Approbation.”

BURLINGTON, July 7, 1761.

T H O. B O O N E.

The House adjourn’d till 8 o’Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, July 8, 1761.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, (Officers included) to be employed in his Majesty’s Service from and after the first Day of November next;* was read and compared: And on the Question,

Resolved,
 That the same do pass.

Ordered,
 That Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Fisher, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Fisher and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Hude, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Read, informing the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, &c.* without any Amendment.

Ordered,
 That Mr. Reading, and Mr. Borden do wait upon the Council, and desire them to acquaint this House, whether they have any Business before them; if not, that the House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. Reading reported, that Mr. Borden and himself waited upon the Council, agreeable to the Order of the House, who declare, that they have no Business before them.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency, when his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, (Officers included) to be employed in his Majesty’s Service, from and after the first Day of November next.

And then his Excellency prorogued the House by the following Speech.

“ *Gentlemen*

" *Gentlemen of the Council; Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of*
 " *Representatives;*

" **I** would be making you a very ill Return for the Dispatch you have
 " given to the Business which called you together, to detain you at such a
 " season one Minute longer than is necessary; I therefore prorogue this Assem-
 " bly to the 8th of *August*, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*, and it is prorogued
 " accordingly.

*Council-Chamber,
 Burlington, July 8, 1761.*

T H O. B O O N E.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
 appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to
 print these Votes.

S A M U E L N E V I L L,
Speaker.



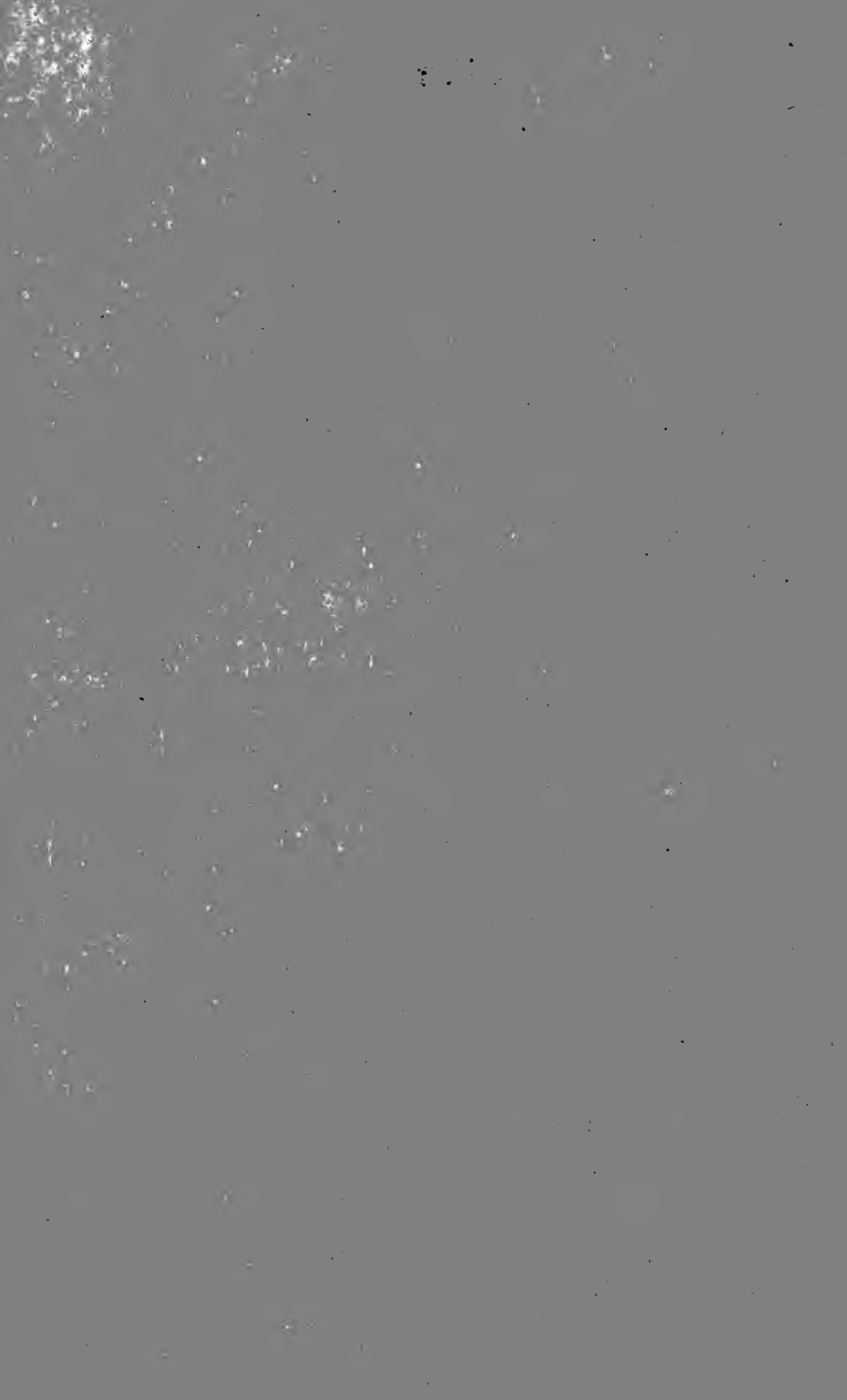
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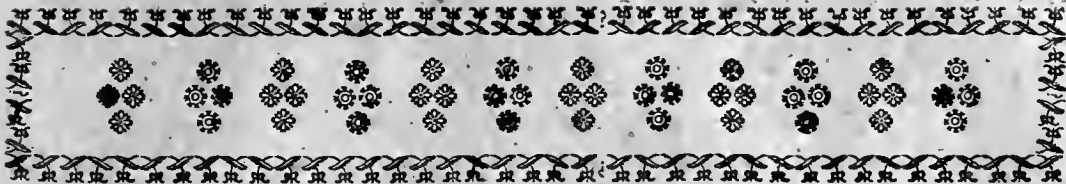
At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at *Perth-Amboy*;
began *November 30, 1761*, and continued till the 12th Day of
December following.



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V O T E S

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

P E R T H - A M B O Y, *November 30, 1761.*

P U R S U A N T to several Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, and Mr. *Andrew Smyth*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that the House is met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

Mr. *Samuel Smith* reported, that Mr. *Andrew Smyth* and himself, had perform'd the Order of the House; and that his Excellency was pleas'd to say, he would send for the House To-morrow.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, December 1, 1761.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately: Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleas'd to make a favourable Speech to the Council and House of General Assembly, of which, Mr. Speaker said, he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is in the Words following:

" Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

*" HIS Majesty having honour'd me with his Commission, to serve him as
" Governor of this Province, I cannot help expressing my particular
" Satisfaction, to be placed at the Head of a People, whose Conduct in the
" Course of this War, has manifested a Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and
" deservedly received the royal Approbation. From the Success of his Majesty's
" Arms in all Quarters of the World, and the Wisdom of his Councils, we
" have the greatest Reason to expect, that this just, necessary and glorious War,
" will terminate in a Peace, honourable to Great-Britain, secure and permanent
" to his Majesty's Allies, and particularly advantageous to these Colonies.*

x Gov. Hardy who arrived the 29th of October. 1761.

“ I come into this Country, Gentlemen, with a Disposition much inclined to Harmony, and esteem it a peculiar Happiness to be appointed to this high Station, by a King, whose principal View is to promote the Welfare of his People: Gratitude to my Sovereign, and my own Inclinations, lead to consider your Happiness as one of the great Objects of my Care; and at the same Time, that the Duty of my Station requires from me a strenuous Exertion of his Majesty's royal Prerogative, yet you may be assured, that your Rights and Privileges will be always, with me, sacred and inviolable.

“ As I have Nothing at present from his Majesty's Ministers to lay before you, and my Residence here has been too short to enable me to enter into any Particulars relative to the Province; I shall content myself, with recommending Unanimity and Dispatch, in any Measures you may in the Course of this Session, think it necessary to propose.

“ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

“ ALTHO' the Act, for the Support of Government continues in Force till May next, yet as it makes Provision only for some of the Officers of Government; I must recommend that Matter to your Consideration; and need not repeat what his Majesty orders me to propose to you on that Head, by the 23d Article of his Instructions, as I observe that Instruction is entered on your Journals. The early Proofs we have of his Majesty's parental Affection, demand an intire Confidence from all his Subjects; and when we consider the Blessings we have a Prospect of enjoying under his auspicious Reign, I make no Doubt, but you will take every Opportunity of shewing your Gratitude to the best of Kings, by constant Instances of Duty, Fidelity and Loyalty.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

“ As I am persuaded, that Harmony among the three Branches of the Legislature, is the sure Means of securing the Welfare of the Publick; so you may depend that I shall most readily join my Endeavours with yours, in every Measure that tends either to promote his Majesty's Service or the Good of the Province; and I please myself with the Hope, that with your Assistance, my Administration will be rendered beneficial to the People.”

JOSIAH HARDY.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Miles Bunn*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Perth-Amboy* Goal, setting forth, that he has been a long Time in Confinement, but happened to be out on special Bail at the Time the late Act of Insolvency took Place, tho' he was soon after confined, by which Means he lost the Benefit of said Act; praying a Law for his Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth, that they had formerly exhibited a Petition to this House ; praying an Act to enable them to establish a Road and Ferry from the Town of *Greenwich*, across *Cobanscy* Creek ; which Petition seemed not to be satisfactory to all Parties concerned ; who, nevertheless, concur in the Expediency of a Road and Ferry, properly established ; praying, that certain Persons therein named, may be properly authorised, by a Law to be passed for that Purpose, to lay out said Road : Which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Three several Petitions, all of one Tenor, were presented to the House, from *Trenton*, *Borden-Town*, and *Bridgewater* ; praying a Law for building a Bridge, by Subscription, over *Crosswicks* Creek, where a Ferry is now kept, known by the Name of *Watson's* Ferry ; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Somerset* County, setting forth, That a Petition was presented to the House last Session, praying an Act to enable the Petitioners to remove the Court-House and Goal in said County, by Subscription, to the Town of *Bridgewater*, or some convenient Place between *Bound* and *Middle-Brook* ; which Petition was far from being the general Request of said Inhabitants ; praying, that inasmuch as the Court-House and Goal, where built, was done by the Consent of the Majority of said County, and no great Inconveniency hitherto arising therefrom, they pray, that the former Petition may be rejected, or the present Petitioners have an Opportunity of being heard, in Answer to the Allegations contained therein : Which Petition was read, and referred to be considered of, at such Time as the former Petition therein mentioned, shall be had under Consideration.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex*, and the Surveyors of the Highways, and others, setting forth, the great Hardships the Petitioners lie under, by Virtue of the late Act for regulating Roads and Bridges, requiring noticing and attending on Duty ; praying, that some Method may be fallen upon, to ease or take off the Burdens they labour under in the Premises ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, from the Committee appointed last Spring Session, for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Molattoe Slaves imported into this Province* : Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, December 2, 1761.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Mr. *Robert Ogden*, by Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Robert Cummings*, *Joseph Rue*, and *Henry Moore*, setting forth, that out of Compassion to *Peter Gordon*, they undertook to be Managers of a Lottery, for converting into Money his real Estate ; and in order to expedite the Filling said Lottery, they had trusted out many Tickets, thinking they were countenanced by Law in said Lottery ; that many of the Purchasers of Tickets, refusing to pay for the same, under Pretence of the said Lottery's being unlawful ; and also, that in numbering said Tickets, by Mistake, one Hundred thereof were double numbered ; praying a Law for recovering the Money outstanding for Tickets sold, and for drawing said Lottery anew, or to make the same void, by returning the Money back to the Persons purchasing Tickets ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, December 3, 1761.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes, &c.* was read the second Time ; and on the Question, Whether the Duties to be laid on Negro Slaves, shall be so high as to amount to a Prohibition or not ? It was carried in the Negative as follows.

YEAS.
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Doughty*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*.

NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Vangeson*,

NAYS.
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Reading*.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *R. Ogden*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Hart*.

Two Memorials were presented to the House, from Colonel *Samuel Hunt* ; the One setting forth, that the *Jersey* Regiment were necessarily detained on Duty, longer than the Continuation of their Pay by Law ; praying the House to provide suitable Relief in the Premises : The other setting forth, that the Officers of said Regiment, this present Year, were not provided with Tents at the Province Charge ; praying a Reimbursement of the Expence they were necessarily put to, in providing the same. Which Memorials were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of *Maidenhead* Township, being a Majority of the Owners of that Tract of Meadow, called *Maidenhead Great Meadow* ; praying a Law, to oblige the Owners of said Meadow to keep open their Ditches and Drains in the most proper Places ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to several Resolutions ; which, by Leave, he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That his Majesty's Government of *New-Jersey*, be honourably supported till the 21st of May, in the Year 1763. On the Question, Whether the House do agree to the said

said Resolve, or that the present Governor's Salary be now only provided for till the present Law for Support of Government ends? It was carried for the said Resolve as follows.

For continuing till the 1st of May, 1763.

Mr. Stevens,	Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Smyth,	Mr. Doughby,
Mr. R. Ogden,	Mr. Borden,
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Leaming.
Mr. Dey,	

For ending with the present Law.

Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Leaming, and Mr. J. Ogden, be a Committee, to draw the Draft of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hancock, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. Ogden, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Wetherill, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

The Petition of the Justices, Freeholders and others, of the County of *Middlesex*, representing the Difficulties many Persons are laid under, by the late Act for regulating Roads and Bridges, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. A. Smyth, Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Leaming, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Miller, be a Committee, to bring in a supplementary Bill to the late Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of *Miles Bunn*, a Prisoner for Debt, was read the second Time. Also, a Petition from Prisoners for Debt in *Monmouth* Goal, of the same Tenor with the above, was also read.

Ordered,

That Mr. Andrew Smyth, and Mr. Richard Lawrence, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Prisoners for Debt.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Richard Lawrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, setting forth, that the Road leading from the said Town of *Woodbridge*, to the *Blazing-Star* Ferry, is not only very crooked and inconvenient for Travellers, but has been laid out originally in a dark Manner, as the Returns thereof are without any Points of Compass, and couched in very uncertain Terms; praying a Law for laying out the same, in some more convenient Place than where the same is now used; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hancock, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Owners of the *Maidenhead* Meadows, for draining the same, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Session of Assembly, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition: Provided no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Owners of Meadow on *Mantau* Creek, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that they own Lots of Meadow, lying in a Body on said *Mantau* Creek, inclosed by one Bank, which by Want of proper Care, hath

hath gone much to Decay ; praying a Law to oblige all the Owners concern'd, to keep their Parts of said Bank, and also the Sluices, in proper Repair ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers of the Owners of Marsh, Swamp, and Meadow, joining *Rackoon-Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester* ; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, a Law for making and maintaining a good and sufficient Bank to stop the Tide out of the same, with proper Sluices and Water-works ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Church-Wardens, Vestry-Men, and Inhabitants of *Perth-Amboy*, setting forth, that they formerly exhibited to the House of Assembly, a Petition for raising Money by a Lottery, for repairing the Church in said City, and for other publick Uses, which that House thought proper to refuse ; since which, the Cause that then induced them to Petition, has much increased ; praying Leave now to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money adequate to the Occasion for which it is wanted ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Robert Cummings*, and others, for making void the Lottery made by *Peter Gordon*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, for making void said Lottery :

Accordingly Mr. *A. Smyth*, in Behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the vacating and rendering void, the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *S. Smith*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments ; which Bill being again read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *A. Smyth*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from some of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Sussex* ; praying for the Reasons therein contained, that the Court-House and Goal in said County, may be erected on a certain Place near the House of *Amos Pettit*, in *Newtown* ; being in their Judgment, the most suitable Place that has yet been recommended, as lying near the Centre of said County ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 4, 1761.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming in the Province of New-Jersey*, was read and compared ; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass or not ? It was carried as follows.

YEAS.
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,

YEAS.
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Borden*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Reading*.

NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Vangerson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*.

Resolved,

That said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Ogden*, and Mr. *A. Smyth*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr.

Mr. *R. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Suffex* County; praying, that the Court-House and Goal of said County may be built at or near *Samuel Green's*, which they recommend as the most convenient Place for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; which being read, is in the Words following.

“ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly.*

“ I Observe on your Minutes, a Bill brought into the House, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes, &c.* I therefore think it proper to acquaint you, that by the 26th Article of his Majesty's Instructions, I am forbid giving my Assent to any Act imposing Duties on Negroes imported into this Province, payable by the Importer; or upon any Slaves exported, that have not been sold in the Province, and continued there for the Space of twelve Months.

“ I have sent you this Notice, to avoid giving unnecessary Trouble to the House.”

PERTH-AMBOY, the 4th of
December, 1761.

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

The Petition from the County of *Suffex*, for erecting the Court-House and Gaol at or near *Amos Pettit's*, and the Petition for building the same at or near *Samuel Green's*, were both read the second Time; and the Petition presented to this House last Spring Session from said County, for erecting the said Court-House and Gaol at or near *Henry Haerlocker's*, was also read; and the House being informed, that the Parties were attending at the Door, in order to be heard, in Support of the Allegations contained in the said three several Petitions; they were accordingly admitted into the House and heard, and then were ordered to withdraw.

Ordered;

That the Consideration of the above Matter be deferred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *William Nixon*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Pertb-Amboy*, praying Relief; which was read.

The Petition of the Owners of the Meadow on *Mantau Creek*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes prayed for in said Petition, at the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business; provided, Notice thereon shall be given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before the Sitting of Assembly, and no reasonable Objections then appearing against the same.

The Petition of the Owners of the Marsh, Swamp and Meadow, lying adjoining *Raccoon-Creek*, was read the second Time.

Ordered;

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business; provided Notice of their Application and this Order, is inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before such Sitting, and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Benjamin Yard* and *John Rickey*, both of *Trenton*, setting forth, that in the Year 1755, they purchased each one a Servant Man, who soon after enlisted themselves into his Majesty's Service; that the Petitioners were advised to, and accordingly brought Actions against the Commanding Officer, for detaining said Servants; but on Issues joined in said Suits, on a Point of Law, the Court gave their Opinion against the Petitioners, whereby they lost the Service of their Servants, and payed considerable Costs; praying an Allowance for the Loss they sustained; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled *An Act for the vacating and rendering void, the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Wetherill*.

The House taking into Consideration the several Petitions for ascertaining the Place for building the Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Suffex*; and the Question being put, where the same shall be erected; it was carried for *Henry Haerlocker's*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *R. Ogden*, and Mr. *Reading*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Borden*.

Ordered,

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Division, lay his Accounts before the House; and that the Clerk serve him with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* reported the same, without any Amendment; which Bill being read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, reported the same, without any Amendments; which Bill being read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 5, 1761.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*;

That said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *A. Smyth*, do carry to the Council, the abovesaid Bills, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several of the Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that Leave may be given to build

build and erect a Bridge over *Crosswicks* Creek, where a Ferry is now kept, known by the Name of *Watson's* Ferry ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Holmes*, laid before the House a Letter he had received from *Thomas Lawrie*, containing Reasons against building a Bridge over *Crosswicks* Creek ; which, according to the Desire of the Writer thereof, was read in the House.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Penn's-Neck*, and *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*, setting forth, that a Bridge was formerly erected over *Salem* Creek, which was found to be of great Utility ; notwithstanding which, some evil-minded Persons, finding that said Bridge was not erected by any Law, demolished and threw the same into the said Creek ; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that said Bridge may be erected anew, by Subscription, into a Swinging-Bridge ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from many of the Farmers, and other Inhabitants of this Colony ; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed for ascertaining one general and unalterable Rule for the Construction of Land Carriages, whole Wheels may exactly revolve on each Axis five Feet two Inches distant from each other's Extremity ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Miller*, pursuant to an Order of this House of the second of *April* last, brought in a Bill, for banking three several Tracts of Tide Meadow, in the County of *Cumberland* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for Support of Government, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the before mentioned Bill : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and come to several Resolutions ; which, by Leave, he reported as follows :

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *JOSIAH HARDY*, Esq; at the Rate of *One Thousand Pounds, per Annum*, to commence the 29th of *October* last. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *Robert Hunter Morris*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *Richard Saltar*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To *Couriland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *Andrew Johnston*, and to *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, *Forty Pounds* each. To which the House agreed.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits, *Twenty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *JOSIAH HARDY*, Esq; *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House Rent ; provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington*, the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency JOSIAH HARDY, Esq; in Addition to his Salary for the first Year, in Consideration of the extraordinary Expence attending the Transportation of himself and Family, in a Time of War; *Five Hundred Pounds.* And on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto or not? It was carried as follows:

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Vangelson;

YEAS.
Mr. Dey,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Reading.

NAYS.
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. John Lawrence,
Mr. Doughty,

NAYS.
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Leaming.

To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for each Time. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of the General Assembly within the Time, *Six Shillings per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance, the Sum of *Eight Shillings per Diem.* Also, *Four-pence per Sheet*, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. To which the House agreed.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, the Sum of *Fifty-three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three-pence.* To which the House agreed.

To Abraham Clark, jun. for Pen, Ink and Paper, at this and a former Sitting, and extraordinary Services, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds.* To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence per Pound*, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit: Also, *Fifteen Pounds* each, for their extraordinary Services during said Year. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable Samuel Nevill, Esq; in Addition to his Salary, *Twenty-five Pounds* for said Year: And on the Question: Whether the House agrees thereto or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Vangelson,
Mr. Dey,

YEAS.
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Reading.

NAYS.
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Doughty,

NAYS.
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming.

The Votes being equal, Mr. Speaker gave the casting Vote in the Affirmative.

To James Parker, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as Hendrick Fisher, John Wetherill, Robert Ogden, John Ogden, John Hogbland, and Andrew Smyth, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, at any Sitting during said Year, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the Council as aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six-pence per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To Andrew Johnston, Esq; the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Week*, to pay for the Use of a Room, Fire Wood and Candles, for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Year. To which the House agreed.

To Andrew Smyth, Esq; the Sum of *Thirty-five Shillings per Week*, to pay for the Use of a Room, Fire Wood and Candles, for the House of Assembly, at the Session in March and April last, and this present Sitting. Also, such Sums of Money as he may be entitled to in repairing the Damage done by Fire to the Assembly Room, this Sitting. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Members of this House, the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem*, for the Time they shall attend during said Term. To which the House agreed.

And

And on the Question; Whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, December 7, 1761.

The House met.

The Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants of *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, for laying out a Road, and establishing a Ferry across *Cobanscy-Creek*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business; provided Notice thereof is given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before said Sitting, and no reasonable Objections then appearing against the same.

The Bill for draining three several Tracts of Tide Meadow, in the County of *Cumberland*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Cooper*.

The several Petitions presented to the House this Sitting, for erecting a Bridge over *Croswicks Creek*, where a Ferry is now kept, known by the Name of *Watson's Ferry*, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of said Petitions be deferred till the next Sitting of Assembly, at *Burlington*, where all Parties concerned may have an Opportunity of being heard.

The Petition for ascertaining the Construction of Land Carriages, whose Wheels may run exactly five Feet two Inches Distance, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration, that the Members may have an Opportunity to consult their respective Constituents on the Subject; and whether it would not be publickly advantageous; to oblige all Waggons and Carts, using publick Roads, to go with broad Fellies.

The Treasurer of the Eastern Division laid his Accounts before the House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Support of Government*, was read and compared: And on the Question; Whether the said Bill do pass or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Borden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Coopers*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Holmes*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Suffex*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *A. Smyth*, Mr. *R. Lawrence*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Cooper*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, in order

order to inspect and settle the Treasurer of the Eastern Division's Accounts, and to burn the cancelled Money in his Hands ; and that Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do inform the Council thereof, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *J. Lawrence* and himself, delivered the Bill and Message of the House with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes, &c.* reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto ; which Bill was read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Kemble*, Mr. *Ashfield*, and Mr. *Read*, or any two of them, a Committee, to join a Committee of the House, to inspect and settle the Accounts of the Honourable *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; one of the Treasurers of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands ; and that the Committees do meet for that Purpose at Mr. Treasurer *Johnston's* House, at three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Suffex*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *S. Smith* and Mr. *Hart*.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *S. Smith*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Suffex*, reported the same without any Amendment ; which Bill being read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *R. Ogden*, Mr. *J. Ogden*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *A. Smyth*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to inspect and settle the Accounts of Colonel *Peter Schuyler*, and make Report thereof to this House.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, December 8, 1761.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Suffex*, was read and compared : And on the Question ;

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hogbland* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered,

That Mr. *A. Smyth*, and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do wait on his Excellency, on Account of the Inconvenience the Province is exposed to, in lying open to the Importation of Negroes, at a Time when the Provinces on each Side have laid Duties on them ; that we look upon it as a particular Hardship, to be denied the common Privilege of such a Prohibition ; and therefore desire his Excellency would be pleased to represent the Inconveniences of the Instruction he has mentioned, and if possible, get it withdrawn.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, in the Words following.

Ordered,

“ That Mr. Read do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Council desire to be informed, what Notice has been given to the Parties affected by the Bill, entitled, *An Act for vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* and that they would furnish the Council with such Evidence as has been offered to them, in Support of the Facts in the Petition upon which the Bill aforesaid was founded.”

Mr. Hogbland reported, that Mr. Hart and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Read, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Fisher, do acquaint the Council, in Answer to their Message of this Day, That the Bill for vacating *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, took it's Rise by Petition from sundry Persons, complaining of being likely to be ruined by a Mistake in numbering the Tickets, and the Facts being publickly notorious; a Delay dangerous to the Parties, and the Lottery in itself against Law; the House conceived it would be doing publick and private Justice, that all concern'd should be left as nigh as might be in the same Situation they were in before they began the Lottery; and these are the Reasons on which the said Bill was founded.

Mr. A. Smyth reported, that Mr. J. Lawrence and himself had waited on his Excellency, with the Message with them entrusted, who was pleased to say, he would comply with the Desire of the House, and write Home in Favour thereof, as soon as a proper Opportunity presented.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. Fisher and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, December 9, 1761.

The House met.

The Petition for building a Draw or Swinging Bridge over *Salem* Creek, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business; provided Notice thereof is given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before said Sitting; and no reasonable Objection then appearing against the same.

Mr. S. Smith, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same; which by Leave he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Memorials of Colonel Hunt, in Behalf of himself, and others of the *Jersey* Regiment, were read the second Time, and on the Question, Whether the Pay of such of the Officers and Soldiers of said Regiment, who were detained on Duty after the First Day of November last, the Time their Pay by Law expired, be continued for a longer Time or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher*, by Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for paying sundry incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *S. Smith* and Mr. *Clement* have Leave to be Absent the Remainder of the Session, on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Doughty* have Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read, and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *J. Lawrence* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed, when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

The Petition of the Church Wardens and others, of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, praying for a Lottery for repairing their Church, &c. was read the second Time: And on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *A. Smyth*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of three several Tracts of Tide-Meadow, &c. to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; reported, that they had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto; which Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, December 10, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *J. Lawrence* and himself had waited on his Excellency, with the Message of Yesterday, desiring to know, when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

Whereas by a Law of this Colony, Colonel *John Johnston*, deceased, was authorized to purchase two Thousand Stands of Arms, with Accoutrements and Ammunition, for the Use of this Colony; which Arms were accordingly purchased, and ordered to be delivered to the Colonels of the several Counties of this Colony, for the Use of said County; but inasmuch as it appears the Colonel of the Militia of the County of *Salem*, hath hitherto neglected applying for the same:

Ordered,

That the Executors of said *John Johnston*, do deliver the Proportion of said Arms and Accoutrements, belonging to *Salem* County, unto *John Budd*, or *John Holmes*, or either of their Orders, for the Use of the Militia of *Salem*, according to Law.

On a Motion made ; the Question was put, Whether the Arms and Accoutrements purchased for the Use of this Colony, be now disposed of by Sale among the Inhabitants of the several Counties, or kept during the Continuance of the War ? It was carried as follows :

For being disposed of.

Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Cooper,
Mr. R. Lawrence, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fijber, Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hogbland;

For being kept.

Mr. Stevens, Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. A. Smyth, Mr. Borden,
Mr. R. Ogden, Mr. Hancock,
Mr. J. Ogden, Mr. Leaming.
Mr. Dey,

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for their being kept.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ; which being read; is in the Words following.

“ Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

“ I Think it proper to acquaint you, that I have received Letters from Mr. Secretary Pitt, wherein he informs me, that his Majesty’s Marriage with the Princess Charlotte, of Mecklenbourg Strelitz, was happily celebrated on the 8th of September last; and that their Majesties were crowned at Westminster, the 22d of the same Month. I sincerely congratulate you on these happy Events, which cannot fail to give the highest Satisfaction and Joy to all his Majesty’s faithful Subjects.”

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

PERTH-AMBOY, December 9, 1761.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Woodruff, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming &c.* ; without any Amendment.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address in the Words following,

To His Excellency J O S I A H H A R D Y, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty’s Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency.

WE His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to congratulate your Accession to the Government of a Province, happy in having our past Endeavours for the publick Good accepted by a Sovereign, the early Proofs of whose parental Affection, demands the most conspicuous Gratitude, in every possible Instance of Duty, Fidelity and Loyalty.

It is a Matter of great Satisfaction, to hear your Excellency's early Declarations, of considering our Happiness as one of the great Objects of your Care, and that our Rights and Privileges, will be always with you, sacred and inviolable; we can assure your Excellency, no Endeavours of ours will be wanting to render your Administration easy.

In Consideration of the extraordinary Expences attending the Transportation of yourself and Family hither in a Time of War, we have added to your Salary for the first Year, though we had twice done it to new Governors before in the Course of three Years past: We should now think ourselves happy that the Rotation might be at an End; and that by your Excellency's long Residence amongst us, a growing Acquaintance might improve a mutual Esteem; and that the longer we live together, the happier we may be in each other.

Several of the Members being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Substance of this Address, with their usual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

To which Address his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

"Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I Return you many Thanks for your Address, as also for what you have thought proper to add to my Salary for the first Year: As my Endeavours will be constantly exerted for the Good of the Province, I hope to improve in your Esteem and Confidence."

PERTH-AMBOY, the 10th of
December, 1761.

JOSIAH HARDY.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of three several Tracts of Tide Meadow, &c. to keep out the Tide, &c.* was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Miller*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, for empowering the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of *St. Peter's Church*, in the City of *Perth-Amboy*, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Peter's Church in the City of Perth-Amboy, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hart*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for paying sundry incidental Charges*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being thereunto made, the same as amended, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Miller* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Peter's Church, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money, &c.* reported the same without any Amendments; which Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for paying sundry incidental Charges*, was read and compared : And on the Question ;

Resolved,

That said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Peter's Church, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money, &c.* was read and compared : And on the Question ;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *A. Smyth*, do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 11, 1761.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the several County Collectors for the Year 1761, send the Duplicates of the Assessments of said Counties for this present Year; to the Treasurers of the Divisions to which they respectively belong.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of *Wednesday* last, inform him, that it is with great Pleasure and Satisfaction the House hears of the Celebration of his Majesty our most gracious Sovereign's Marriage, with a Protestant Princess of so amiable a Character as the Princess *Charlotte of Mecklenbourg Strelitz*.

The Coronation of their Majesties at such a happy Crisis, when Providence has in so many Instances crown'd the *British* Arms with Success, must add Splendor to the Solemnity, and fills every *British* Bosom with universal Joy ; and calls upon us to return your Excellency our hearty Congratulations on such happy Events.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* had Leave to be absent on urgent Business.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 12, 1761.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed last Spring Session to settle the Accounts of Colonel *John Johnston*, deceased, and *Stephen Crane*, made the following Report on said Colonel *John Johnston's* Accounts. To which the House agreed.

Dr.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, General Accounts*

1758. To Sundries for the Provincial Regiment, as per Account of Particulars.	£. 13176-12-4
To the Cost of 500 Arms in 1756, as per <i>Moses Franks's</i> Account;	1380-15-8
To Cash paid for quartering Soldiers, per Accounts,	774-02-0
To the Cost of 2000 Arms, per <i>Moses Franks's</i> Account,	7055-16-4
To sundry Omissions in the Frontier Accounts for building Block-Houses, as per Memorandum Book,	
Paid Capt. <i>Rufco</i> , to pay Men working at one of the Block-Houses,	£. 10-10-0
Paid Expence down,	3-6
Province Money stolen out of the Chest at the Head Quarters,	4-18-0
	15-11-6
To Omission in Major <i>Hunt's</i> Muster-Roll,	10-0
To Commissions on £. 13,176-12-4, at two per Cent.	263-10-7
	£. 22,686-18-5
To Store-Hire for Col. <i>Hale's</i> Regiment; the 2000 Stands of Arms, and for the Province Commissioners, at sundry Times,	20-00-0
	£. 22,686-18-5
	<u>Proclamation,</u>

Mr. *Stevens*, from said Committee, also reported, that Mr. *Stephen Crane* had been noticed to attend and settle his Accounts, but hath hitherto neglected.

Ordered,

That said *Stephen Crane*, and also *Joseph Hollinshead* and *Joseph Yard*, Esqrs, and all other Persons appointed for laying out the publick Money, who have not settled the same, lay their Accounts before the House on the first or second Day of next Sitting of Assembly.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*, from a Committee appointed last Spring Session, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Dr. *Thomas Eaton*, to the Province of New-Jersey, Cr.

To Balance of Accounts, settled by Report of Committee, on 3d December, 1760. £. 0-23-16-3	By Commissions on l. 566-4-0 Soldiers Pay, paid by the Commissioners <i>Taylor</i> and <i>Harrison</i> , in 1757, which the former Committee for settling <i>Thomas</i> <i>Eaton's</i> Account would not allow; but it appear- ing that the Commissioners aforesaid, charged but two per Cent. said <i>Thomas Eaton</i> is to be allowed three per Cent. thereon, which is,	£. 16-19-0
Balance due to <i>Thomas</i> <i>Eaton</i> , £. 0-12-0	By Commissions on l. 371-16-0, expended by said <i>Eaton</i> , for Articles which should have been supplied by the Commissioners, for which said <i>Eaton</i> must be allowed two per Cent. which is,	7-09-0
		£. 24-08-0

The Committee appointed in March last, for settling the publick Accounts, having in Consequence of a Note at the Foot of John *Taylor's* Accounts with the Province, settled in March last aforesaid, re-examined the Accounts of *Thomas Eaton*, do find the Sum of l. 371-16-0, therein mentioned, or the greatest Part of it, to have been paid in Consequence of a Resolve of this House, at their Sessions at Elizabeth-Town, in August, 1757. That the Accounts of John *Taylor* and *Thomas Eaton*, relative to said Sum, have been justly settled: And do further find, that the Provincial Account with said *Thomas Eaton*, to stand as above.

December 12, 1761. By Order of the Committee,

JOHN OGDEN,
JOHN HART,
RICHARD LAWRENCE.

with Colonel John Johnston,

Cr.

By Cash of Mr. Hollinshead, to pay for making of Breeches for the Soldiers.	£.	18-00-0
By Cash of Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer,	£.	18942-15-0
Ditto of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,		3400-00-0

		22342-15-0
	£.	22360-15-0
		326-03-5
Balance due to Colonel Johnston,		-----
	Proclamation, £.	22686-18-5

December 12, 1761. We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have inspected the Vouchers to the above Accounts, and find a Balance of Three Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds Three Shillings and Five Pence, Proclamation Money, due to the Estate of Colonel John Johnston.

JOHN STEVENS.
ROBERT OGDEN.
HENDRICK FISHER.

The following Articles are not charged in Col. Johnston's Accounts, but are left to be inquired into, and if found right, are to be paid to his Representative, by the Province of New-Jersey. As Witness our Hands this 12th Day of December, 1761.

A Receipt from Col. Oliver De Lancey, for 444 Pieces of 8, for apprehending 111 Deserters.
An Article for making Soldiers Cloaths, £. 63-7-4

JOHN STEVENS.
ROBERT OGDEN.
HENDRICK FISHER.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee appointed to settle Colonel Schuyler's Accounts, reported, that the said Accounts and Vouchers never came to their Knowledge till this Morning, and it being expected the House will rise this Day, find it impracticable to settle the same this Session.

Ordered,

That the Settlement of said Accounts be referred to said Committee, or any three of them, to settle during the Vacation; and that they make their Report next Sitting of Assembly.

It appearing to this House, that Thomas Eaton, Commissary and Paymaster of the Jersey Regiment in the Year 1757, having perform'd the Duty of Commissary and Paymaster to said Regiment, and accounted for all Monies by him received, agreeable to Law.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do write to the Secretary, informing him thereof, and order that he cancel and deliver up said Thomas Eaton's Bond, given for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Support of Government, &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of three several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, adjoining on Cohansey Creek, &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Peter's Church, in the City of Perth-Amboy, to raise by Lottery, &c.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for paying sundry incidental Charges.*

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect and settle the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts; reported, that said Committees had inspected and settled the same, and that he was ordered by said Committees to make the following Report thereon to the House of Assembly. To which Report the House agreed:

Dr. The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer of the
Old Deficiencies.

To the old Deficiencies outlanding in Middlesex, as per Report in November, 1760.	£. 18-18-5 $\frac{1}{4}$	
To another Arrear in Middlesex, as per Ditto.	25-00-0	
		43-18-5 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Arrears in the Interest as per the same Report.	viz.	
Bergen,	21-04-9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Essex,	72-06-5 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Middlesex,	38-12-7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
		132-03-10 $\frac{1}{2}$
To a Deficiency in Somerset, as per Ditto.		1-05-00
		£. 177-07-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dr. The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer,
Support of Government.

To the Ballance reported in November, 1760.		£. 2074-00-06 $\frac{1}{4}$
To the Taxes payable on the Support Act, November 21, 1759.		
From Middlesex,	£. 271-18-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Monmouth,	394-06-0	
Essex,	233-11-4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Somerset,	334-19-3	
Bergen,	107-14-0	
		1432-08-09
To Ballance due to the Treasurer carried to War Funds.		358-10-11 $\frac{1}{4}$
		£. 3865-00-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dr. The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer of the

Supplying the Forces.

By Ballance brought from Report in November, 1760.		£. 2543-14-08
1759. June 29. To Cash received at Times from the Signers of the last Emission of l. 50,000.		24999-18-00
October 23. To Cash returned by John Hogbland, Muster-Master.		412-04-00
To General Ambers's Warrant for the Amount of an Account of 4d. per Day, in lieu of Provisions to the Jersey Regiment, from their Inlistment to their receiving the King's Provision; l. 710-15-0 Sterling, which at the Exchange of 4s 8 per Dollar, is l. 1218-8-7 York Currency,		
or		1124-14-01
1760. Sept. 23. To Cash returned by Jacob Dehart, one of the Commissioners in 1755.		119-06-08
To Cash received of the Signers of the l. 45,000.		22500-00-00
1761. April 6. To Ditto returned by Samuel Sarjeant, and Andrew Smyth.		2-03-00
7. To Ditto by Henry Fisher, Ballance reported in November, 1760.		9-08-00
July 1. To Ditto of Mr. Newill, a Signer of the l. 25,000.		12497-02-00
November. To Ditto of Col. Schnyler, being the Amount of the 4d. per Day, in Lieu of Provisions to the Provincial Regiment for the Campaign in 1760, after deducting l. 67-18-9 Sterling, paid by Col. Robertson, to the Director of the Hospital, l. 628-14-11 Sterling, which at the Exchange of 4s 8 per Dollar, makes l. 1077-17-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ York Currency; in Proclamation.		994-18-10 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Colonel Schayler's Letter the Officers are included, and are to be paid from this Sum.		

£. 65,203-09-4

Eastern Division, to the Colony of New-Jersey, *per Contra,* *Cr.*

By several old Deficiencies mentioned on the Debtor Side, which are fully explained in the Report of November, 1760; amounting to - - - £. 177-7-3 $\frac{1}{2}$

per Contra, *Cr.*

By sundry Vouchers examined, allowed and endorsed by the Committees, the 8th of December, 1761, from March 20th, 1759, to November 23, 1761. - - - £. 3865-0-3 $\frac{1}{2}$

By Order of the Committees,
L. M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

Eastern Division of New-Jersey, *Cr.*

By Ballance brought from the Account of Support of Government. - - - £. 358-10-11 $\frac{3}{4}$

By a Deficiency of one Sheet in the Article of l. 24,999-18-0, which is - - - 15-12-00

By sundry Vouchers allowed and endorsed by the Committees, December 8, 1761, from March 14, 1759, to October 25, 1760. - - - 35,861-08-02

By sundry other Vouchers from November 21, 1760, to October 30, 1761, allowed and endorsed by the Committees, December 8, 1761. - - - 16,094-03-11

Ballance due. - - - 11,873-14-03 $\frac{3}{4}$

£. 65,203-09-04

By Order of the Committees,
L. M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

Dr.

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The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer of the

Loan Office

To a Deficiency in the Principal Money of the £. 20,000, and £. 40,000, Loan Office Emissions, as per Report the 21st June, 1754, then outstanding in Monmouth.

£. 351-12-01 $\frac{1}{2}$ To an Overplus of £. 1-12-03 $\frac{1}{2}$ which the Loan Officers of Monmouth cancelled too much, and which we advise that the Loan Office of Essex, should repay to Monmouth, and cancel so much less in their Deficiency of £. 42-16-0, mentioned on the Credit Side of this Account.1-12-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

To a Deficiency in the Principal Money of the £. 20,000, and £. 40,000 Loan Office Emissions, as per Report the 21st of June, 1754, in Essex County.

109-03-06

£. 462-07-11

The said Treasurer also laid before the Committees, one Bundle of ragged and torn Bills, No. 1. cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of Middlesex, May 8, 1751, containing,

£. 206-01-06

One other Bundle of like Bills, No. 2. cancelled as above, May 11, 1757, containing,

345-14-00

£. 561-15-06

Which two Bundles were burned by the Committees.

Dr.

The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer of the

On Account of the

To a Tax payable from the several Eastern Counties, the 21st of November, 1754, viz.

Middlesex, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 138-13-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Monmouth, Ditto.

200-14-01 $\frac{1}{2}$

Essex, Ditto.

119-01-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

Somerset, Ditto.

171-04-03

Bergen Ditto.

100-18-01

£. 730-12-07 $\frac{3}{4}$

To Ditto payable 21st of November, 1755.

730-12-07 $\frac{3}{4}$

Ditto, 21st November, 1756.

730-12-07 $\frac{3}{4}$

To the Tax payable the 21st November, 1757, viz.

Middlesex, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 138-13-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

453-03-06 $\frac{3}{4}$ £. 591-17-05 $\frac{1}{2}$

Monmouth, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 200-14-01 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

657-03-04 $\frac{1}{2}$

857-17-06

Essex, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 119-02-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

389-05-08

508-07-11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Somerset, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 171-04-03

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

558-05-05

729-09-08

Bergen, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 100-18-01

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

329-09-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 430-08-00 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3118-00-07 $\frac{1}{2}$

To the Tax payable the 21st November, 1758, viz.

Middlesex, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 138-13-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

453-03-06 $\frac{3}{4}$

Ditto, 2d £. 15,000.

453-03-06 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1045-01-00 $\frac{3}{4}$

Monmouth, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 200-14-01 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

657-03-04 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 2d Ditto.

657-03-04 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1515-00-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Essex, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 119-02-03 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

389-05-08

Ditto, 2d Ditto.

389-05-08

897-12-07 $\frac{1}{2}$

Somerset, on the first Sinking Fund.

£. 171-04-03

Ditto, 1st £. 15,000.

558-05-05

Ditto, 2d Ditto.

558-05-05

1287-15-01

£. 4745-10-07 $\frac{1}{2}$ £. 5309-18-06 $\frac{1}{2}$

Brought over.

Eastern Division, to the Colony of New-Jersey,

Cr.

Principal.

By one Bundle of Bills cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of *Monmouth*, the 31st of *August*, 1753, delivered to Mr. *Johnston*, July 25, 1754, said to contain (and which these Committees burned)

£. 353-04-5

By one Bundle of Loan Office Money, cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of *Essex*, said to contain £. 66-07-06, delivered to Mr. *Johnston*, March 1759; which these Committees burned.

66-07-06

By Part of the Deficiency in the Loan Office Principal, still outstanding in *Essex*.

42-16-00

£. 462-07-11

John Ogden, Esq; a Loan Officer of *Essex*, being present, says, he can produce Accounts to prove that the Quotas of *Essex* are fully cancelled, therefore the Committees recommend, that the said Account be re-examined at some future Sitting.

By Order of the Committees,

L. M. ASHFIELD.

AARON LEAMING.

Eastern Division of New-Jersey,

Cr.

Sinking Funds.

By sundry Parcels of Bills laid before the Justices and Freeholders, and cancelled by them, viz.

1755	-	1 Bundle	-	No. 1.	-	-	£. 252-03-00
1756	-	1 Ditto,	-	2.	-	-	526-00-00
1757	-	1 Ditto,	-	3.	-	-	846-17-06

£. 1625-00-06

Brought over.

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On Account of the

Brought over.			£. 4745-10-07 $\frac{1}{4}$	£. 5309-18-06 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bergen, on the first Sinking Fund.	£. 100-18-01			
Ditto, on 1st l. 15,000.	329-09-11 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Ditto, 2d Ditto.	329-09-11 $\frac{1}{4}$		£. 759-17-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
To the Tax payable 21st November, 1759, in the same Proportions.				5505-08-06 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Cash from Daniel Smith, and William Cook, by the Hands of John Stevens and John Johnston, omitted.				5505-08-06 $\frac{1}{4}$
				1340-00-00
To the Tax payable 21st November, 1760, viz.				
Middlesex County.				
Payment of first Sinking Fund.	£. 138-13-10 $\frac{3}{4}$			
Third Payment of 2d l. 15,000.	433-03-06 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Quota of 3d l. 10,000.	906-07-01 $\frac{1}{2}$		l. 1478-04-07	
Monmouth.				
Payment of first Sinking Fund.	200-14-01 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Third Payment of 2d l. 15,000.	657-03-04 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Quota of 3d l. 10,000.	1314-06-09		2172-04-03	
Essex.				
Payment of first Sinking Fund.	119-02-03 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Third Payment of 2d l. 15,000.	389-05-08			
Quota of 3d l. 10,000.	778-11-04		1286-19-03 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Somerset.				
Payment of first Sinking Fund.	171-04-03			
Third Payment of 2d l. 15,000.	558-05-05			
Quota of 3d l. 10,000.	1116-10-10		1846-00-06	
Bergen.				
Payment of first Sinking Fund.	100-18-01			
Third Payment of 2d l. 15,000.	329-09-11 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Quota of 3d l. 10,000.	658-19-10 $\frac{1}{2}$		1089-07-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				7872-16-06 $\frac{1}{4}$
				£. 25,533-12-02 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ordered,

That Mr. Leaming and Mr. Hart, do wait on the Council, and desire to know, whether they have any Business before them; if not, inform them, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency to pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House.

Mr. Leaming reported, that Mr. Hart and himself, delivered the above Message to the Speaker in Council, who say, they will inform the House by a Messenger of their own.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Ashfield, informing the House, that the Council have gone through the Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. A. Smyth, do wait on his Excellency, and desire him to give his Assent to the Bills passed both Houses this Session, and dismiss the House, as they have no further Business before them.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. A. Smyth and himself, had waited upon his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him immediately.

*Eastern Division of New-Jersey,**Sinking Funds.*

Brought over.					£. 1623-00-06
1758	-	1 Bundle Bills,	No. 4.	£. 2953-06-06	
1759	-	1 Ditto,	5.	3539-15-03	
1760	-	1 Ditto,	6.	5635-02-06	
1761	-	1 Ditto,	7.	7398-05-03	
				<u>19,526-09-06</u>	
				£. 21,151-10-00	
				4382 02 02	
				<u>£. 25,533-12-02</u>	
				<u>£. 25,533-12-02</u>	

Ballance due to the Province.

By Order of the Committees,

L. M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber immediately : Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act to continue the Support of Government, till the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three.*

2. *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

3. *An Act for paying sundry incidental Charges.*

4. *An Act for building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Sussex.*

5. *An Act effectually to prevent Horse-Racing and Gaming in the Province of New-Jersey.*

6. *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Peter's Church, in the City of Perth-Amboy, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church, Parsonage, School-House and Ferry-House, in said City.*

7. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of three several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, lying and adjoining on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, alias Cæsarea River, in the County of Cumberland, in the Township of Hopewell, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*

His Excellency then made the following Speech to the Council and House of Assembly.

" Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

" IT gives me great Pleasure, to see the Business of this Session carried through with so much Spirit and Dispatch. I will not at this Season detain you any longer from your domestick Concerns, but do prorogue this General Assembly to the 20th Day of January next, then to meet at Burlington ; and they are accordingly prorogued."

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

PERTH-AMBOY, December 12, 1761.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.



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Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION of General Assembly held at *Burlington*; began
March 3, 1762, and continued till the 10th. Day of the same Month.



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Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, *Wednesday, March 3, 1762.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait upon his Excellency, and inform him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to say before them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself waited upon his Excellency, with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House in about Half an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, waited on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

HAVING His Majesty's Commands signified to me, by the Earl of *Egremont*, to use my utmost Endeavours and Influence; to induce you to raise the same Number of Men, which was required of you for the last Campaign; to be formed into a Regiment, and to act in *North-America* under the Orders of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces; I have lost no Time in calling you together, to recommend this Matter to your serious Considerations.

His Majesty's good Dispositions for restoring the Public Tranquility, have been manifested to all *Europe*; but through the Insincerity and Chicane of our inveterate Enemies, a Negotiation, which it was hoped would have ended in a Peace, glorious and advantageous to the *British* Crown and Dominions, is now broken off; and that Event, so much to be desired, seems for the Present at a Distance. His Majesty therefore finds Himself under the Necessity of making Use of the Means Divine Providence has put into His Hands, to maintain and support the Dignity of His Crown; and to pursue such vigorous Measures, in the Prosecution of the War, as may be productive of those Blessings to His People, which His Majesty has so much at Heart.

‘ In order to accomplish the great Designs that are to be put in Execution this Year, it is essential to provide for the Safety of His Majesty’s Dominions, as likewise of those acquired by Conquest in *North-America* ; His Majesty has therefore thought it proper, to require the Assistance of His several Provinces, for this important Service : I cannot think it necessary to use any Arguments, to animate your Zeal on this Occasion, as I am persuaded your Duty to the Best of Kings, and the Regard you owe to yourselves, in the Preservation of your present, as well as future Security, will be sufficient Incitements, to Influence you to an immediate Compliance with His Majesty’s Commands.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;*

‘ I have ordered the Earl of Egremont’s Letters to be laid before you, which I hope you will consider with due Attention : You will therein see on what Conditions His Majesty expects your Assistance ; and that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences incurred by the respective Provinces, according as their active Vigour and strenuous Efforts shall justly appear to merit : You will likewise observe, in one of the Letters from the Secretary of State, that I have His Majesty’s Commands, to lay before you, the absolute Necessity there is, at this critical Time, of recruiting the regular Regiments, with all convenient Expedition, in the several Provinces, in such Proportions from each, as shall be demanded by his Commander in Chief of his Forces. I have received two Letters from Sir Jeffery Amherst, which shall be communicated to you : He therein so clearly explains every Circumstance relative to this Measure, that it must be needless for me to add any Thing more on the Subject : I shall only earnestly recommend your ready Compliance with His Majesty’s Demands, and by exerting a true *British* Spirit on this laudable Occasion, shew yourselves worthy of His Majesty’s future Favour.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;*

‘ I flatter myself, you are convinced, that no Time should be lost in the Dispatch of the Business I have now laid before you ; I therefore hope you will as soon as possible, enable me to carry His Majesty’s Commands into Execution.

BURLINGTON, 3d March, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

Ordered,

.. That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

.. The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday, March 4, 1762.

.. The House met.

His Excellency’s Speech was read the second Time, together with all the Letters therein referred to, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency’s Speech ; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

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The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Nathan Starkey*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol at *Burlington*, setting forth his distressed Circumstances; and praying an Act of Assembly for his Relief; which Petition was read; and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of *Newton Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*; commonly called the *Back Creek*; setting forth, that the Petitioners many Years past erected a certain Dam across the said Branch, by which they have had considerable Advantage; but by an uncommon high Tide, the said Dam hath been carried away; and praying a Law, to oblige the said several Owners and Possessors to contribute to the stopping up the Breach, and maintaining the said Dam when compleated; and the other Banks inclosing said Meadows; which petition, together with an Affidavit of *John Cox* and *John Buzby*, purporting, that all the said Owners and Possessors have had proper Notice of this Application, and that they all agree to the Act proposed, except two under particular Circumstances, were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *Robert Cummings*, *Joseph Rue*, and *Henry Moore*, Trustees of *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, setting forth, That the Petitioners, by the Miscarriage of the Bill for their Relief at the last Session, are still left in a deplorable Situation; and praying, that the House will pass a Bill of the same Tenor with the former, for vacating the said Lottery; the Petitioners having pursued the Steps which they were availed should have been before taken.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *Ezekiel Forman*, *Robert Stockton*, and *Stephen Trusfaell*, setting forth, That they purchased Tickets in *Peter Gordon's* Lottery; which happened in the drawing thereof to turn out valuable Prizes; and that if a Bill should pass for vacating the said Lottery, the Petitioners will be great Sufferers thereby; and praying to be heard by their Council against the said Bill.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Presbyterian Congregation in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that their Meeting-House at *Pennington*, in *Hopewell* aforesaid, is in a ruinous State, and utterly unfit for publick Worship, and that their Congregation is unable to raise Money for repairing the same; and praying the House will grant Leave to the Petitioners, to bring in a Bill, to empower them to erect a Lottery, in order to raise Money sufficient to repair the said Meeting-House; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from several Inhabitants of the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Burlington*, Owners of Meadows upon the South Westwardly Branch of *Pensawken Creek*; praying for a Law, to erect a Dam at a Place called *Poplar Landing*, to cross the said Branch to the lower Corner of the Lands late *Enoch Burroughs's*; which Petition was ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Clark* and *John Clark*, of *Stony-Brook*, setting forth, That the Petitioners observe on the Minutes of last Session, that Leave is given to bring in a Bill at this Session, relating to the Great Meadows in *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*; and that the Petitioners conceive, that if the said Bill should extend Eastward of the Province Division Line, they would be laid under a Charge without Profit; and praying, that they may be left out of said Bill; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from the Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry-Men, and others, Members of St. *Mary's* Church in the City of *Burlington*, setting forth the generous Encouragement which Lotteries for pious Uses have lately received; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for a Lottery, to raise Money to repair the said Church, Steeple, Parsonage-House, and Burying-Ground.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition from *George Beck*, a Foreign Protestant, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that he has resided in this Province near Twenty Years, and is liable to great Inconveniences and Damage from his not being intitled to the Privileges and Liberties of the King's natural born Subjects and Denizens; and praying an Act of Assembly for his Naturalization.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Two Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Nottingham* and *Chesterfield*, in the County of *Burlington*: Also one from *Windsor*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and another from *Allen-Town* and upper *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*; against the building of a Bridge over *Crosswicks* Creek, at *Watson's Ferry*; were presented to the House; and read.

Whereupon the House resuming the Consideration of the Petitions, presented last Session at *Amboy*, relating to the building of a Bridge over *Crosswick's* Creek, at *Watson's Ferry*; do order, that the Parties for and against the building of the said Bridge, be heard before this House on *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

The Petitions for and against a Bill, for vacating *Peter Gordon's* Lottery; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners, for and against the said Bill, be heard by their Council, or otherwise, before this House, at the next Session of Assembly.

The Petition from the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, on a Branch of *Newton* Creek, commonly called the Back Creek, together with the Affidavit annexed thereunto; was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Whereupon Mr. *Clement*, in Behalf of the said Owners and Possessors, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Back Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Water-Course of said Creek open and clear*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from several Inhabitants of the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Burlington*, Owners of the Meadows, upon the South Westwardly Branch of *Pensawken* Creek; was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill at next Session of Assembly, at *Burlington*, agreeable to their Prayer; provided, Notice of their Application and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before such Session; and no reasonable Objection shall then appear against the same.

Ordered,

That the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh, Swamp and Meadow, lying adjoining *Raccoon* Creek, in the County of *Gloucester*, have Leave to bring in a Bill at next Session, at *Burlington*, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition formerly presented to this House; provided, Notice of their Application and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before such Sitting, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Owners of the Meadows on *Mantau Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Session of General Assembly at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business, for the Purposes prayed for in their Petition formerly delivered to this House; provided, Notice of their Application and this Order, shall be given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before the said Sitting of Assembly; and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners from *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, In the County of *Cumberland*, for laying out a Road and establishing a Ferry across *Cohansey Creek*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition formerly delivered to this House, at the next Sitting of Assembly at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business; provided, Notice of their Application and this Order, be given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before said Session, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for building a Draw or Swinging Bridge over *Salem Creek*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition formerly delivered to this House, at the next Sitting of Assembly at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business; provided, Notice of their Application and this Order, be given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before said Sitting, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

The House adjourn'd to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, March 5, 1762.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Buck Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works, &c.* was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. Clement and Mr. Cooper.

The Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens, Vestry-men and others, Members of *St. Mary's Church*, in the City of *Burlington*, for a Lottery to repair said Church, &c. was read a second Time: And on the Question, whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Wetbe. ill,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fiber,
Mr. Hyblond,
Mr. Vangieson,

YEAS.

Mr. Dey,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS

Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Anthony White, James Neilson, and Samuel Kemble*, in Behalf of themselves and sundry other Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Province, setting forth, That the Petitioners built a Bridge across *Rariton River*, at *Bound-Brook*, which was nearly compleated in *November* last, when the Severity of the Weather hindered the finishing and securing thereof, but that the said Bridge was carried away and destroyed by a violent Flood in *January* last, praying the House will pass an Act to rebuild the said Bridge by a Lottery, or in such Manner and by such Means as to the House shall seem meet; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Presbyterian Congregation at *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying for a Lottery, to raise Money for repairing their Meeting House at *Pennington*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

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The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which they had directed him to report, whenever the House will be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock*, in Behalf of the Committee, reported the said Resolutions as follows, *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

That the *New-Jersey* Regiment be compleated to the Number of Six Hundred and Sixty-Six effective Volunteers, including those already in Garrison; and that for their levy Money, Pay and Cloathing, the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, be forthwith struck. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That the Sum of *Nine Pounds* Bounty, be given to each of the Six Hundred Volunteers, now to be raised. To which the House agreed.

And Mr. *Hancock* also reported, that the Committee desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *James Collum*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Goal, at *Burlington*, setting forth his distressed Circumstances; and praying an insolvent Act for his Relief.

Ordered,

That said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, in Behalf of the Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry-men and others, Members of *St. Mary's Church*, in the City of *Burlington*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted by this House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-men of St. Mary's Church, in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for repairing the Church, Parsonage House, and Burying Ground in said City*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Anthony White*, and others, for rebuilding a Bridge over *Rariton*, at *Bound-Brook*, by Way of Lottery, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*.

YEAS.

Mr. *Vangieson*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *James Clark* and *John Clark*, relating to the Great Meadows, in *Maidenhead*, was read a second Time; and several of the Parties attending, were called in, and their Allegations heard.

Ordered,

That all the Parties affected by, or any Ways concerned in, said Meadows, may have a Hearing on the Third Day of next Sitting of the General Assembly, for doing the publick Business; and that in the mean Time, *Stephen Jones* do give publick Notice of the

the said Hearing, both in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, and in the publick Places of the Township; in order that every such Party may then attend, if they think proper, and that Proof be then made of such Notice being given.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through that Part of his Excellency's Speech respecting his Majesty's Requisition of Men, to recruit the Regular Forces, and directed him to report, that the raising of former Regiments in this War, and the great Number of Men already enlisted among the Regulars, out of this Province, have so drained us both of Freemen and Servants, as to render Labour not only extremely scarce in the general, but in many Places not to be had for Money: Under this Difficulty the Committee is of Opinion, that the Men now agreed to be raised in the Provincial Service, being the full Number required by his Majesty on that Account, is as many as there is any Probability of effecting; and it being impracticable to raise more, the Committee think, it would be deceiving his Majesty's General, to give him any Expectations of that Kind. To which the House agreed.

Mr. *Fisher*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge, in the County of Somerset, to raise by a Lottery, a Sum of Money for rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *S. Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee, to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *John Ogden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill to compleat the *New-Jersey Regiment*, to the Number of Six Hundred and Sixty Six effective Volunteers, including those already in Garrison.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 6, 1762.

The House met.

Mr. *Clement*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Back Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places: And on the Question, whether the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed accordingly.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to compleat the New-Jersey Regiment to Six Hundred and Sixty Six effective Volunteers, Officers included*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church Wardens and Vestry-men of St. Mary's Church, in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for Repairing the Church, Parsonage House, and Burying Ground, in said City*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be committed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Fisher.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge, in the County of Somerset, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for Rebuilding and Compleating the said Bridge*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill be committed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Hogland.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to compleat the New-Jersey Regiment, to Six Hundred and Sixty Six effective Volunteers, Officers included*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House; on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and made several Amendments thereto; which on the Question, were agreed to.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

I AM very sorry to see, by your Minutes of Yesterday, the Resolve you have gone into, with Regard to His Majesty's Requisition, for recruiting the Regular Forces: Had you given due Attention to the Secretary of State's Letter, on this Subject, you would find this Piece of Service is thought so essentially necessary by His Majesty, that he will be much disappointed, if it is not effected.

THE Intention of this Requisition, was to render the Regular Regiments compleat, and fit for such immediate Service as His Majesty may think proper to employ them in; those Regiments are at present so situated, as to make it impossible for them to send Officers and Parties into these Colonies, to recruit the Men in Time; wherefore the Proportioning the Number of Recruits wanted among the Colonies, and the Supplying them, is the only Method that can be taken to render them of Use; and if not agreed to by the Colonies, may be attended with very ill Consequences to His Majesty's Service, at a Juncture when every Means in our Power should be exerted, to Distress the Enemy. I must therefore desire, Gentlemen, that you take this Matter, again under your Consideration, and do your Parts towards insuring Success, to Measures absolutely necessary for our future Quiet and Safety.

BURLINGTON, March 6, 1762.

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Edward Cooper*, setting forth the Hardships of his Confinement, in *Amboy Goal*, having delivered up his Effects to his

his Creditors, and praying Relief by an Insolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church Wardens and Vestry-men of St. Mary's Church, in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for Repairing the Church, &c.* reported the same without any Amendment; which was read, and on the Question, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge in the County of Somerset, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for Rebuilding and Compleating the said Bridge*; reported the same without any Amendment; which was read, and on the Question, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Doughty*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Supplementary Bill, to the Act for *Regulating Roads and Bridges*; and that any other of the Members may sit with, and assist the said Committee.

Ordered,

That the respective Clerks of this House, do, as soon as they have entered the Minutes of any future Sitting in the Journals of the House, send the Boxes with the Papers, to the other Clerk, in order that they may be ready for the Use of the House at their next Sitting afterwards.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Jacob Wigmore* and *Stephen Sarich*, Foreign Protestants, residing in this Province, praying to be naturalized by Act of Assembly; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *George Beck*, praying for an Act of Naturalization; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner, on taking the necessary Qualifications, have Leave to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee formerly appointed to settle Colonel *Schuyler's* Accounts, reported, that the Committee had settled the said Accounts for the Years 1759, and 1760, but that his Accounts preceeding those Years, are not yet adjusted. And accordingly the said Accounts of 1759, and 1760, being reported; the same were agreed to by the House, and are as follows, viz.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Col. Peter Schuyler, as Pay-

1759. To Cash paid the amount of Ten Muster Rolls,	£. 15869-00-0	
Ditto paid Ditto of the contingent Account,	251-00-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	16120-00-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Commissions at Two per Cent.	322 08-0	£. 16,442-08-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1760. To Cash paid the amount of Ten Muster Rolls,	12511-09-5	
Ditto paid the contingent Account	237-02-1	
	12748-11-6	
Commissions at Two per Cent.	254-19-7	13,003-11-1
		£. 29,445-19-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Mr. Brainard, for Necessaries for the Sick at Crown-Point, and in their Way to Albany, £. 4-6-4 York Currency, is		3-19 9
		£. 29,449-18-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ballance due to the Province,		258 08-1
		£. 29,708-07-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

N. B. Col. Schuyler is to pay Mr. Brainard the above
Charge of £. 4 6-4, New-York Currency.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-men of St. Mary's Church, in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for repairing the Church, Parsonage-House, and Burying-Ground in said City*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Vangieson,

YEAS.

Mr. Dey,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. Holmes,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Spicer.

Ordered,

That Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Borden do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge, in the County of Somerset, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for rebuilding and completing the said Bridge*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,

YEAS.

Mr. Vangieson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. Holmes,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hancock,

NAYS.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wetherill do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Monday,

Master of the Provincial Regiment, for the Years 1759, and 1760,

Cr.

By Cash of *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division; from
May 20, 1759, to December 25, 1760, as per Account, both Days inclusive.
 By Ditto of *Samuel Smith*, Esq; Treasurer of the Western Division; from
May 14, 1759, to January 14, 1761, as per Account, both Days inclusive.

£. 13008-12-6

16689-00-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 29,697-12-9 $\frac{1}{2}$

10-15-1

By sundry Articles not allowed by the House of Assembly.

£. 29,708-07-10- $\frac{1}{2}$

February 4, 1762. *We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do certify, that we have examined the Vouchers to the above Account, and find a Balance due, from Col. Peter Schuyler, to the Province of New-Jersey, of Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Eleven Pence, Proclamation Money.*

JOHN STEVENS.
 ROBERT OGDEN:
 JOHN OGDEN:

Monday, March 8, 1762.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled; *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar-Swamp Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read; from *Thomas Johnson*, of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, setting forth, that a Number of Soldiers were billeted on him, in the Year 1757, by *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; but that he has never been able to recover any Pay for them; and praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, one of the Managers appointed to erect a House for the Preservation of the publick Records at *Burlington*, laid their Accounts and Vouchers before the House, and informed the House, that the Sum granted for that Purpose was inadequate; and prayed, that the Deficiency might be supplied.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, be a Committee, to inspect the Accounts and Vouchers relating to the said Building, and make Report thereof to the House in the Afternoon.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

I HAVE this Morning received a Letter from Sir *Jeffery Amherst*; which I have ordered to be laid before you; and I shall be extremely glad, it may have such Weight with you, as to convince you, that His Majesty's last Requisition ought to be complied with.

BURLINGTON, March 8, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

Which Message, together with the Letter therein referred to, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Jacob Wigmore* and *Stephen Sarich*, for a Naturalization Bill, was read the second Time; and also a Certificate from the Honorable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; importing, that they, together with *George Beck*, the other Petitioner, have taken the usual Qualifications according to Law.

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Borden*, in Behalf of the said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing George Beck, Jacob Wigmore and Stephen Sarich*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Edward Cooper*, Prisoner for Debt in *Amboy Goal*, praying for an Act of Insolvency, was read the second Time, and the said Petition referring for the Truth of the Facts therein contained, to the Knowledge of a Member of this House, Mr. *Hart* informed the House, that he believed all the Facts therein contained are true; and the several Petitions of *Nathan Starkey* and *James Collum*, for an Insolvent Act, were also read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to further Consideration.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter he had received from *William Coxe* and *Daniel Coxe*, Esqrs, setting forth, that they are informed, a Petition was preferred to the House last Session, by the Owners of the *Maidenhead Meadows*, for a Bill for draining the same, of which they knew not till now; and praying to be heard before that Bill be passed: Which Letter was read, and referred to be considered of on the third Day of next Session, when the Affair relating to the said Meadows is appointed to be heard.

Mr. *Hart* acquainted the House, that *Joseph Tard*, Esq; informed him, that he had not seen the Minutes of last Session, ordering all Persons concerned in laying out the publick Money, to lay their Accounts before the House at this Session, or else he would have had his Accounts ready; but that he will punctually attend the next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, do prepare and bring in a Bill at next Session, for a standing Insolvent Act, for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.

The House adjourn'd to Two. P. M.

The House met.

According to the Order of the Day, the several Parties for and against the building a Bridge over *Croswicks Creek*, at *Watson's Ferry*, were called in, and the Allegations on both Sides fully heard; and on the Question, Whether the Consideration of the Matter be referred to further Consideration or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joseph Ellis* and *James Sloan*, in Behalf of themselves, and many other Owners and Possessors of Lands on *Newton Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, the Inconvenience of keeping the Creek open; and praying an Act of Assembly to dam the same across the Mouth thereof; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to compleat the New-Jersey Regiment to Six Hundred and Sixty-six effective Volunteers, Officers included*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Wetherill*
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *John Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Vangoson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *John Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

Five Members in the House were excused from voting.

Ordered;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 9, 1762.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Back Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Cooper*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *J. Lawrence* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Stirling*, one of the Council.

Joseph Hollinshead, Esq; attending, was called in, and laid his Accounts and Vouchers before the House.

Mr. *John Ogden*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported, that the Committee had examined the Accounts of *Charles Read*, *John Lawrence*, and *Daniel Smith*, jun. Esqrs, Managers for building a Secretary's Office at *Burlington*; and by Leave of the House, he reported the same, as follows, viz.

Dr.	<i>The Province of NEW-JERSEY, to the Commissioners for building the Secretary's Office at Burlington,</i>	Cr.
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By Cash paid for Materials, and to Workmen, as per Account of Particulars.

£. 302-15-1½

By Cash received of Treasurer *Smith*,
Balance due to the Commissioners.

£. 300-00-0

2-15-1½

£. 302-15-1½

We the Committee appointed to settle the above Account, have examined the Vouchers for the Disbursements charged, and do find them correspond with the above: And also a Balance due to the Commissioners of £. 2-15-1½

JOHN OGDEN.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.

RICHARD LAWRENCE.

To which the House agreed.

And it appearing that the Monies allotted for that Purpose are expended:

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for an additional Supply, for completing the said Building.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing George Beck, &c.* was read the second Time; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled; *An Act for granting an additional Supply, for the finishing the Secretary's Office at Burlington and Perth-Amboy*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clement* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

His

His Excellency's several Messages of the 6th and 8th of *March*, respecting the Requisition of Men to recruit the Regular Forces, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Hart*, do wait upon his Excellency, and in Answer to his Messages of the 6th and 8th Instant, inform him, That it is with great Reluctance we are obliged to refuse any Measure, that might tend to promote His Majesty's Service; but the Assistance required from us, to recruit the regular Forces, appears so extremely unlikely to be carried into Execution, that we are well assured, it would be only trifling with the King's General to attempt it; and by giving him such Expectations, expose the Service to a Disappointment, that will end in a Prejudice to the common Cause, and to the Censure of a General whose distinguished Services justly claim whatever could be reasonably done in his Favour: But the Case is such, that the peculiar Scarcity of Men in this Province, owing to former Services of the like Kind, renders it impracticable; leaving this and constantly going, Regiment after Regiment, into another Province, very many of our Men have never returned; and the Handiness of our Situation for Inlistments hitherto among the Regulars, considered as a thoroughfare between *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, have been an additional Drain, and that perhaps more here than elsewhere: These Facts require no colouring, to entitle us to an Exemption from raising more than what is required in the Province Service: Determined however, not to desert the common Cause, though our Debts, as well as the Scarcity of Men, are already great, we have fully come up to the King's Expectations on that Account; and for these Reasons, must rest it here, That that Measure is as much as we can do.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, setting forth, That by the late violent Floods, a Part of the Causeway and King's Road, lying adjoining to *Yorkshire* Bridge, in said City, hath been carried away, occasioned as the Petitioners conceive, by the Owners of the Meadows neglecting to have, and keep up proper and sufficient Flood-Gates for letting in the Water; and praying such Relief in the Premises, as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered,

That said Petition have a second Reading:

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Michael Branin*, praying Leave to erect a Mill on his own Plantation, on the South Branch of *Ancocas* Creek, and setting forth, that he has no Intention to obstruct the common Use of the Creek for the Neighbourhood, in carrying their Produce of all Kinds to Market; and for that Purpose, promising to make sufficient Ways, for floating Ratts, Rails, or any other Thing the Inhabitants may want to carry; and also a Petition from Fourteen of the Inhabitants of *Evelham*, in the County of *Burlington*, backing the above Petition; both which Petitions were read, and ordered second Readings.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek, in the County of Cape May, and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Samuel Smith*, and Mr. *Stevens*.

Mr. *S. Smith*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled; *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar-Swamp Creek, in the County of Cape May, &c.* was committed, reported the same, without any Amendment; and the said Bill being read, on the Question, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *John Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Stirling*, one of the Council.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted; to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Stirling*, one of the Council.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act, to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two o'Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing George Beck, Jacob Wigmore, and Stephen Sarich*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Holmes*, do carry the said Bill, and Papers relating thereto, to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition from *Joseph Ellis* and *James Sloan*, in Behalf of themselves and other Owners of Lands on *Newton Creek*, for damming the same at the Mouth thereof, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Parties for and against the said Dam, do attend this House, with their Reasons and Evidences, on the third Day of next Session at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business: And that *Joseph Ellis* and *James Sloan*, do give public Notice in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of their Application and this Order, at least six Weeks before said Session.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill and Papers relating thereto, with them entrusted, to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Stirling*, one of the Council.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting an additional Supply for the finishing the Secretary's Offices at Burlington and Perth-Amboy*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Hart*.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House two Letters he had received from the Agent; which were read.

Mr. *Clement*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting an additional Supply, for the finishing the Secretary's Offices at Burlington and Perth-Amboy*, was committed; reported the same without any Amendment: And the said Bill being read, on the Question, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting an additional Supply, for the finishing the Secretary's Offices, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved;

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act, to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Doughty*, and Mr. *Cooper*.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, March 10, 1762.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters received from the Agent.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *J. Ogden*, be a Committee to settle *Joseph Hollinshead's* Accounts.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar-Swamp Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition of *Michael Branin*, and Petition relating to it, for building a Mill on the South Branch of *Ancocas Creek*, on his own Premises, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, at the next Session of the General Assembly at *Burlington*; provided no Objection then appears against it: And it shall also appear, that he has advertised his Application, and this Order, in the Neighbourhood of the Place where the Mill is proposed to be erected.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, relating to the Breach of the Causeway near *Yorkshire Bridge* in said City, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That as well the Petitioners as the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows mentioned in said Petition, have a Hearing, and lay before the next Session of Assembly at *Burlington*, the Acts of Assembly relating to the said Meadows, Bridge and Causeway; and that *George Deacon* and *Joseph Pearson*, do serve the Owners of the said Meadows, or any three of them, with Copies of this Order.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was read Paragraph by Paragraph; and the same, was on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Morris*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait upon his Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of the House.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act, to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and the said Bill and Amendments are referred to next Session.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, "He would send for the House in the Afternoon."

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign a Certificate and Duplicates of *Joseph Sherwood*, Esquire's being appointed Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, to be registered in the proper Offices there.

A Petition was presented to the House and read; from the Owners of the rough Swamp and Marshes, situate on a small Creek called *Pumpeffing*, in the Township of *Chester*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying an Act of Assembly to stop the Tide out of said Marsh.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, at next Session at *Burlington*; provided they give publick Notice in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of their Application and this Order, and Nothing then appears against it. The

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, in the Words following.

“ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 10, 1762,

“ That Mr. Read do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to compleat the New-Jersey Regiment, to Six Hundred and Sixty-six effective Volunteers; Officers included.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Mary's Church in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for repairing the Church, Parsonage-House and Burying-Ground, in said City.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Back Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works, across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same; and to keep the former Water-Course of said Creek open and clear.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge, in the County of Somerset, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting an additional Supply for the finishing the Secretary's Offices, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing George Beck, Jacob Wigmore, and Stephen Sarich.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar-Swamp Creek, in the Bounty of Cape-May; and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway;* passed the Council this Day, without any Amendment.”

By Order of the House,

GABRIEL BLOND, Dep. Clerk.

On a Motion made.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper do inform John Ladd, Esq; that the House desires to know at the next Sitting at Burlington, why the Books of Records and Papers in his Hands, relating to Surveys of Land, are not lodged in the Surveyor General's Office.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. John Ogden, do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them, that the House desires to know, whether the Council have any further Business before them?

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. J. Ogden and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council, who said, they had Nothing before them.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

“ Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.”

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act to compleat the New-Jersey Regiment to Six Hundred and Sixty-six effective Volunteers, Officers included.*
2. *An Act to impower the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Mary's Church in the City of Burlington, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church, Parsonage-House and Burying-Ground in said City.*
3. *An Act to impower the Managers of the Bound-Brook Bridge, in the County of Somerset, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge.*
4. *An Act for granting an additional Supply, for the finishing the Secretary's Offices, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy.*
5. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on a Branch of Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, (commonly called the Back Creek) to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water-Works, across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Water-Course of said Creek open and clear.*

6. *An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar-Swamp Creek, in the County of Cape-May, and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway.*

7. *An Act for naturalizing George Beck, Jacob Wigmore, and Stephen Sarich.*

And then Mr. Speaker presented the Address of the House, in the following Words, *viz.*

To his Excellency JOSIAH HARDY, Esq; Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Cæsar, or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of New-Jersey, recollecting with Gratitude the Favours received, through his Majesty's paternal Care over us, have now without Loss of Time, gone into the Measures proposed, for assisting the Common Cause, so far as to agree upon the raising a Provincial Regiment of Six Hundred and Sixty-Six effective Men: After former Exertions of this Sort, we are sensible the Difficulties of raising them will be great; but from your Excellency's Abilities in the Service, we are in Hopes they will be compleated, that the Honour of the Government, in realizing the Expectations they give, may suffer no Diminution, and his Majesty's Service no Injury.

We have already informed your Excellency by Message, that it is with great Reluctance, we find our present peculiar Circumstance, respecting the Scarcity of Men, to lay us under the Necessity of not coming into the Requisition for recruiting the Regular Forces; and as we cannot go into both the Measures proposed, we have complied with the most important; that the Province under such Discouragements, is not able to go farther than raising the Provincial Regiment; we hope the Reasons we have before given will evince; and that our Necessities will not subject us to any Loss of Reputation, in a Cause, which throughout the preceeding Campaigns, hath been pursued by this Province with invariable Zeal and Solitude.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

House of Assembly, March 10, 1762.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer; whereby he prorogued the House.

" Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

" **I** Thank you for this Address, and for what you have done in Consequence
 " of His Majesty's Requisition for the Provincial Regiment: I shall do every
 " Thing in my Power to forward the raising the Men for this Service: I will
 " not detain you any longer at this Season from your own Concerns; but pro-
 " rogue this General Assembly to Tuesday the 6th Day of April, next, then to
 " meet at Amboy; and they are prorogued accordingly."

BURLINGTON, March 10, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

B*y* Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

V O T E S
AND
P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
General Assembly
OF THE
Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at *Perth-
Amboy*; began *April* 26, 1762, and continued till the 28th
Day of the same Month.



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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, *Monday, April 26, 1762.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 27, 1762.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Robert Ogden*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself performed the above Order of the House, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in about Half an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, waited on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which together with the Letter therein referred to, being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;

YOUR being called together so soon after your late Sessions, is occasioned by a Letter I have received from Sir *Jeffery Amherst*, wherein he requests me, once more to represent to you the Necessity of complying with His Majesty's Requisition for your Quota of Men, for filling up the Regular Troops. This Measure, from our being engaged in a War with *Spain*, becomes more necessary than ever, and if not complied with, must be attended with very bad Consequences, more especially at this Critical Juncture, when your Duty to His Majesty calls for the utmost Exertion of your Power, not only for supporting the Honour and Dignity of His Crown, but to render ineffectual the perfidious Designs of our Enemies ; whose Views evidently tend to the Destruction of your Liberty, Property, and every Thing that ought to be dear to you. I must therefore, earnestly recommend your giving this Matter a serious Consideration ; when I make no doubt, but it will appear to you in such a Light, that your Resolutions thereon will be perfectly consistent with that Zeal for His Majesty's Service, which has hitherto been manifested in this Province.

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‘ IT is with the greatest Pleasure, that I congratulate you, on the Success of His Majesty’s Arms, in the intire Reduction of the Island of *Martinique*; and its Dependencies; a Conquest of the more Importance, as it has been accomplished with the Loss of so few of our fellow Subjects: We cannot be sufficiently thankful to Divine Providence, who has hitherto so remarkably supported the Justice of our Cause; let us hope He will continue his Blessing on our future Endeavours; and that he will in his own good Time dispose our Enemies to accept such just and reasonable Terms of Peace, as may be consistent with the Safety of all His Majesty’s Dominions.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly.*

‘ I HAVE the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the Levies for the Provincial Regiment, are completed; but as the Service on which they are to be employed, will require another Field Officer; I must request you will provide the necessary Pay on this Occasion: I have ordered Sir *Jeffery Amherst*’s Letter to be laid before you, and as I now cannot suppose, you will make any Difficulty of complying with the King’s Requisition, I shall only recommend your being as expeditious as possible, in granting the proper Encouragement, for raising the Number of Men demanded; that His Majesty’s Service may meet with no unnecessary Delay.

PERTH-AMBOY, 27th April, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading, in the Afternoon.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Christian Syberberg*, setting forth, that he is by Education and Profession a Protestant, but of Foreign Birth; that he is very desirous of becoming His Majesty’s Liege Subject in this Colony; and prays Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn’d till Two o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency’s Speech; together with the Letter therein referred to, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency’s Speech: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed. Mr. *Fisher*, further reported, that the Committee had agreed upon a Bill, to advance His Majesty the Sum of £. 1602, to be repaid when His Majesty thinks proper; which Bill, he accordingly reported; and the same was read; and on the Question agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Reading*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*.

Two Members in the House, were excused from Voting.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the House, that this respective Treasurers should, on the second *Wednesday* of next Month, (or as soon afterwards, as they can get the respective Justices and Freeholders of *Burlington* and *Middlesex* together) sink so much of His Majesty's Allowance, out of the Parliamentary Donation, as will prevent the several Sinking Fund Taxes, payable the 21st of *November* next, if they can provide sufficient Bills of Credit of this Province, for that Purpose.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the House will not do any other Business at this Sitting, than what is now before the House.

Resolved,

That all former Orders of the House be continued.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee, to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

The Petition of *Christian Syberberg*, was read the second Time: And also a Petition from *Christopher Huson*, *Hans Jacob Prettiker*, *Jacob Stucky*, *Henry Cook*, *Michael Maps*, *Charles Martin Roan*, *Henry Diffdaffy*, *Henry Swink*, *Nicholas Philips*, *Phaup Marks*, *Leonard Fox*, *Caspar Grim*, and *John Rouse*, to the same Purpose.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petitions.

Whereupon Mr. *Stevens*, on their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, &c.* which was read; and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act directing the Treasurers of this Colony, to pay the Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North-America, the Sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Two Pounds, for His Majesty's Service; to be repaid when His Majesty shall think proper; and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Borden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council; for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Dey*.

Ordered,

That *Bizzard Weeks*, be appointed Door-Keeper to this House.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, April 28, 1762.

The House met.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was twice read, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

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Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, and others*; reported the same without any Amendment; and the same being again read, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *John Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, and others*, was read and compared: And on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

“ **H**AVING received His Majesty Royal Disallowance of the Bill, entitled,
 “ *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last*
 “ *Session; and for confirming the Proceedings of the Courts of Justice in this*
 “ *Province, since the Demise of his late Majesty*; and also of the Bill, entitled,
 “ *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet*: As it is a Matter of publick Con-
 “ cern, I think it proper to acquaint you with it.

April 28, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

“ At the Court at ST. JAMES's, the Second Day of *January*, 1762.

P R E S E N T.

The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

His Royal Highness the Duke of YORK,

Arch-Bishop of YORK,

Lord President,

Lord Privy Seal,

Lord Chamberlain,

Duke of Argyll,

Duke of Newcastle,

Lord Steward,

Earl of Huntingdon,

Earl of Albemarle,

Earl of Cholmondely,

Earl of Kinnoul,

Earl of Bute,

Earl of Powis,

Earl of Egremont,

Earl of Hardwicke,

Earl of Thomond,

Viscount Falmouth,

Viscount Barrington,

Viscount Ligonier,

Bishop of London,

Lord Berkeley of Stratton,

Lord Bathurst,

Lord Sandys,

Lord Anson,

Lord Melcombe,

Lord Grantham,

James Stewart Mackenzie, Esq;

George Grenville, Esq;

Charles Townshend, Esq;

“ **W**HEREAS by Commission under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor,
 “ Council, and Assembly, of His Majesty's Province of *New-Jersey*, are autho-
 “ rize and impowered, to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordi-
 “ nances, for the publick Peace, Welfare and good Government of the said Province,
 “ which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, are to be, as near as conveniently may be,
 “ agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, and to be transmitted for His
 “ Majesty's Royal Approbation or Disallowance. AND *whereas* in Pursuance of the
 “ said Powers, two Acts have been passed in the said Province, in *April*, 1761, and
 “ transmitted, entitled as follows, *viz.*

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“ *An Act for obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session;
 “ and for confirming the Proceedings of the Courts of Justice in this Province,
 “ since the Demise of his late Majesty.*”

“ *An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet.*”

“ Which Acts having been perused and considered by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and by them presented to his Majesty, at this Board, for his Royal Disallowance; His Majesty was this Day pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to declare his Disallowance of both the said Acts; and pursuant to His Majesty’s Royal Pleasure thereupon expressed, the said Acts are hereby repealed, declared void, and of none Effect, whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief of His Majesty’s Province of *New-Jersey*, for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.”

W. BLAIR.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hart and Mr. John Lawrence, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know, when his Excellency will be waited upon by the House, with their Address.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Mr. Hart reported, that Mr. J. Lawrence and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. J. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Hart and himself had waited on his Excellency with the Message; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, informing the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act directing the Treasurers of this Colony, &c.* and the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, and others; without any Amendment.*

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited on his Excellency, with their Address, in the Words following, viz.

To His Excellency JOSIAH HARDY, Esq; Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty’s Province of Nova-Cesarea, or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly met, esteem it a Happiness, that we have it in our Power to promote His Majesty’s Service; and have now come up to the necessary Requisition for that Purpose: And are well pleased to bear, that your Excellency’s Endeavours have been attended with such remarkable Success, as to have already completed our Regiment. The

The fresh Instance of Success attending His Majesty's Arms, in the Reduction of Martinique, with so Little loss, calls for Gratitude to the Supreme Giver of Victory; and we are persuaded, will have the best Effect on His Majesty's future Measures for the Restoration of a General Peace.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

After which his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the two following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act directing the Treasurers of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North-America, the Sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Two Pounds, for His Majesty's Service; to be repaid when His Majesty shall think proper; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

2. *An Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg, and others.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer to the Address of the Assembly; whereby he prorogued the House.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

THE Chearfulness and Unanimity with which you have gone through the Business, which I, by His Majesty's Command, recommended to you, cannot fail of placing you in a very favourable Light with His Majesty and His Ministers; and it is particularly agreeable to me. As the Season calls you to your several Homes, I heartily wish you a good Journey; and do prorogue this General Assembly, to meet at Burlington, on Tuesday the 25th Day of May next: And they are prorogued accordingly.

JOSIAH HARDY.

PERTH-AMBOY, 28th April, 1762.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Assembly

OF THE

Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *Burlington*,
September 14, 1762, and continued till the 25th of the same
 Month, and then prorogu'd to the 26th Day of *October* next.

Being the Sixth Session of the Twentieth Assembly of *New-Jersey*.



WOODBIDGE, in NEW-JERSEY:

Printed by JAMES PARKER, Printer to the King's Most
 Excellent Majesty, for the Province.
 M.DCC.LXII.

Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, TUESDAY, September 14, 1762.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith* and Mr. *Robert Ogden*, wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of the Members are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may please to lay before them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself delivered the Message with them intrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in Half an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited on his Excellency : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

I HAVE called you together rather earlier than I intended, to communicate to you, the Contents of a Letter I have received from his Excellency Sir *Jeffery Amherst*, dated the fourth of last Month, wherein he observes, that the important Services on which his Majesty's Regular Forces are now employed, and the Uncertainty of the Return, renders it absolutely necessary, that Provision should be made for Garrisoning the several Posts on this Continent, during the Winter. This Provision must be made by the several Colonies : And it is indeed the more necessary now, as the greatest Part of the Troops that are returned into this Country, are by hard Service and Sickness, very unfit for Duty ; and it must be some Time before they are recovered. I must therefore, Gentlemen, earnestly recommend your continuing in Pay one Company, consisting of a Captain, a Subaltern, and Sixty-four Men ; being the same Number you provided for last Year. I shall not attempt to make Use of any persuasive Arguments, to convince you of the Necessity of this Measure ; the Readiness you have hitherto manifested in assisting the Common Cause, gives me the strongest Assurance of your Compliance with it.

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‘ It would have been a great Satisfaction to me, if I could have informed you, that the Provision you made at your last Sessions, for recruiting the Regular Corps, had been attended with better Success; but I am sorry to say, very few Men have been raised: I wish some effectual Method could be fallen upon, and heartily entered into, in order to furnish the Quota demanded of this Province. It is apparently more necessary now, than when first demanded, as the Regiments on actual Service must be thinned by the Chance of War, and Change of Climate, where they are employed; and if they are not recruited, the future intended Operations for distressing the Enemy on this Continent, must be not only retarded, but intirely obstructed; which will in the End, greatly prejudice his Majesty’s Service, and turn out to the future Disadvantage of the Colonies in general.

‘ It is with the highest Joy and Satisfaction, that I congratulate you on the Success of his Majesty’s Arms, in the Reduction of the *Havannah* and its Dependencies; and I have no small Pleasure in acquainting you, that the Detachment of our Provincial Troops arrived there in Time to partake of the Honours reaped by this noble Conquest; and I am informed by a Letter from their commanding Officer, that he has not lost a single Man.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ As the Time limited for the Service of your Regiment, will very soon expire; I hope you will be as expeditious as possible, in making the proper Provision for enlisting the Men demanded for the Winter Duty: And I leave it to your Consideration, what Allowance should be made for that Part of the Regiment, now on Duty at *Niagara*, as they are at a much greater Distance from Home than they were last Year.

BURLINGTON,
the 14th September, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech, have a second Reading.

Mr. *Richard Lawrence* informed the House, that *James Holmes*, Esq; one of the Members for the County of *Monmouth*, is deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Representative for the said County of *Monmouth*, in the Stead and Place of the said *James Holmes*, Esq;

The House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning, Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, September 15, 1762.

The House met.

His Excellency’s Speech was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

In Pursuance of the Leave formerly granted, Mr. *Samuel Smith*, in Behalf of *Michael Branin*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Michael Branin, to erect a Mill on the South-Branch of Ancocas Creek, in the County of Burlington*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Five Petitions were presented to the House, and read, from several Prisoners for Debt, in the Goals of *Morris*, *Millstone*, and *Hackinsack*; setting forth their several distressed Circumstances; and praying for an Insolvent Act.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions have a second Reading.

In Pursuance of the Leave formerly granted, Mr. *Cooper*, in Behalf of the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes situate on the East side of *Great Mantua Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, brought in a Bill for regulating the said Meadows; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

In Pursuance of the Leave formerly granted by the House, Mr. *John Lawrence*, in Behalf of the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes situate on the South-West Side of *Rackoon Creek*, in the Township of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes in Greenwich Township, on Rackoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *Israel Pancoast*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol at *Burlington*, setting forth his distressed Circumstances, and praying an insolvent Act.

Ordered,

That said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, signed by 116 Hands, setting forth, That the most usual and easy Way for the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, to go to and from *New-York*, is by the Road from *New-Barbadoes* to *Weebeck* and *Hersimus*, over a Ferry upwards of a Mile in Length, and which at some Seasons of the Year is dangerous and inconvenient; and praying a Law, for making a Causeway from the East Bank of *Hackinsack River*, about opposite to the House of *Jacob Vander Hoef*, to the Land of *Cornelius Vreland*, being about Half a Mile, or to much thereof as may need a Causeway, to make it fit for Travelling over the Land and Meadow belonging to *Abraham Gouverneur*, and others; by which Means, there would be a Ferry directly across *Hackinsack River* only; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolves; which he was ready to report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

That pursuant to General *Amberst's* Request, Provision be forthwith made, for the Enlisting, Cloathing, and Pay of Sixty-four private Men, Volunteers, and a Captain and Lieutenant to command them; the said Cloathing and Pay, together with the Bounty to be given, to begin the Second Day of *November*, 1762, and the Pay to continue till the First of *November*, 1763; unless the said Men shall be sooner discharged. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That as an Encouragement to such of the Troops already in the Pay of this Colony, voluntarily to enter in the Service aforesaid, besides the Cloathing and Pay to be allowed them, there be moreover paid a Bounty of Three Pounds, to each of the said Volunteers so inlisting, or in Case of Deficiency among them, to any other Volunteers that may inlist in the Service, not exceeding the Number aforesaid. To which the House agreed.

4. *Resolved,*

That the Officers and Soldiers have the same Pay, and the same Cloathing (except only a Watch Coat instead of a close-bodied Coat) as the present Troops. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Robert Ogden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Hogbland*, and Mr. *Reading*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers (Officers included) to be employed in his Majesty's Service from and after the First Day of *November* next.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, by Order of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, September 16, 1762.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *J. Ogden*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee to settle the publick Accounts, and report to the House.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *J. Ogden*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Samuel Smith*.

Two Petitions of the same Tenor, signed by a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, were presented to the House, setting forth, That the Petitioners perceive by the Minutes of a former Session, that a Petition was presented to the House, praying that a Law may be passed for ascertaining one general and unalterable Rule for the Construction of Land Carriages, whose Wheels may exactly revolve on each Axis five Feet two Inches Distance from each other; and desiring, for the Reasons therein contained, that *Bergen* may be excepted out of the Act; which two Petitions were read, and referred to the Committee on the Road Act.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Henry Moore*, *Robert Cummings* and *Joseph Rue*, purporting, That the Petitioners, by the Miscarriage of the Bill for their Relief, at a Session in *Pertb-Amboy*, in *December 1761*, are still left in a deplorable Situation; and what still adds more to their Misfortune, is, that all *Gordon's* Lands have actually been sold by the Sheriff of *Middlesex* at publick Vendue; and that they have now pursued the Steps which they were advised should have been done before; and praying

ing the Legislature to pass a Bill of the same Tenor as that passed before ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

According to a former Order of the House, the Parties for and against the Draining of the *Maidenhead* Meadows, attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard ; and the Matter is referred to be further considered.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Freeholders of the Township of *Newton*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying ; that an Act may not pass to erect a Dam across the Mouth of *Newton* Creek, in the said County ; and,

According to a former Order, the Parties for and against the erecting the said Dam, being attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard ; and on the Question, Whether the Matter be referred to further Consideration or not ? it passed in the Affirmative :

Ordered,

That the said Matter be referred to further Consideration.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several Inhabitants of *Prince-Town*, setting forth the Hardships the Petitioners and others have suffered, and are still liable to suffer, by his Majesty's Troops passing thro' *Prince-Town* ; and praying such Relief in the Premises as to the House shall seem meet ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Simon Sparks*, of *Gloucester* County, setting forth, that Seventeen Men of Captain *William Falkner's* Company, were billeted on him for some Time ; which Men on a Muster, were rejected as supernumerary ; whereby the Petitioner is unable to recover what is due to him ; and praying Relief ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Peter Gordon*, representing his unhappy Circumstances respecting his Lottery ; and praying for a Law to vacate his said Lottery, and erect a new One ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Evesham*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that the Petitioners are informed, that *Michael Branin* hath petitioned the House for an Act, to enable him to erect a Mill and Dam across one of the *South Branches* of *Ancocas-Creek* ; which they conceive would be vastly detrimental to the Public in general, and themselves in particular ; and praying, that the said Act may not pass ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, Owners of the Meadows on *Woodbury Creek* ; praying for a Law, to oblige the several Owners of the said Meadows, to perform their equal Share of clearing the said Creek from the Dam called *Moses Ward's* Dam, up the said Creek as far as *Moses Ward's* upper Line, and also to oblige the Owners of the Meadows below the said Dam, to clear out the said Creek ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Captain *Jonathan Stout*, of the Provincial Regiment, was presented to the House, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner enlisted Fifty-one able-bodied Soldiers for the said Regiment ; but that on the general Review of the Regiment, only Fifteen of that Number were accepted, and the rest discharged as supernumerary ; and praying an Allowance for his Expence and Trouble in enlisting the said Men.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That said Petition have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Friday, September 17, 1762.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to drain the said Marshes, and to keep their Tide Bank in proper Repair*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Hancock and Mr. Clement.

According to a former Order of the House, the Parties for and against the Bill for vacating *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, and the Council against the Bill, attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard; and on the Question, Whether a Bill shall be brought in to vacate the said Lottery, and to put all Persons concerned in the Situation they were in before erecting thereof? it passed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,
That Mr. Stevens and Mr. J. Lawrence, do bring in the said Bill.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Trustees of the College of *New-Jersey*, setting forth, the Benefits accruing to the Publick from that Institution, and the Indulgence that Matters of a publick-Nature have received from the Legislature; and praying the House will be pleased to pass an Act, enabling the Petitioners to erect a Lottery within this Province, for the raising the Sum of £. 4000, for the Use of the said College; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from several of the Inhabitants of *Evesham*, praying a Bill may not pass, to enable *Michael Branta* to erect a Mill on the South Branch of *Ancocas Creek*; was read the second Time, and the said Bill was also read the second Time; and,

The Parties for and against the said Bill attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? it passed in the Negative.

Ordered,
That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled; *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes situate on the South-West Side of Rackoon-Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Clement and Mr. Cooper.

The Petition from the Owners of the Meadows on *Woodbury Creek*, praying a Law, to oblige the said Owners to clear out the said Creek, was read the second Time.

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Session at *Burlington* for doing the publick Business; provided Notice of their Application and this Order shall be given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before the said Session, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

The Petition from the County of *Bergen*, for making a Causeway from the East Bank of *Hackinsack River*, to the Land of *Cornelius Vreland*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

Ordered;

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Session of Assembly; provided Notice of their Application and this Order, be affixed at Three of the most publick Places of the Neighbourhood of the Place, at least Six Weeks before the said Session; and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Mr. Hancock, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East Side of Great Mantau Creek, in the County of Gloucester, &c.* reported the said Bill, with several Amendments; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Spicer, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House a Letter he had received from the Agent; which was read.

Four Petitions were presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of Burlington, Trenton, Chesterfield, Nottingham and New-Windsor, setting forth the great Benefits that would accrue to the Publick, from a Draw-Bridge over *Croswicks Creek*, at *Watson's Ferry*; and praying a Law to build the same by Subscription; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to a former Order of the House, Mr. John Lawrence, on Behalf of the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes lying on *Pumpeffy* or *Walker's Creek*, in the Township of *Chester*, and County of *Burlington*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek, called Pumpeffy or Walker's Creek, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex; and to relieve and secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery against any Action that is or may be brought against them concerning the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 18, 1762.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question, Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clement and Mr. Cooper, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* was read the second Time, and amended in the House; and on the Question agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of Gloucester County; setting forth that there are sundry Books of Surveys, &c. in the Hands of *John Ladd, Esq;* of that County, which Occasions them to be looked on as private Property, where by Law, the same ought to be lodged in the Surveyor General's Office; and praying the House will afford such Relief in the Premises, as to the House shall seem meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper informed the House, that he had informed *John Ladd*, Esq; of the Order of the House of *March* 10, 1762, relating to the Records and publick Papers in his Hands.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Pumpeffly, or Walker's Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer and Mr. Clement.

Mr. Reading, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and several additional Amendments being made to the same in the House; on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from the Trustees of the College of *New-Jersey*, for a Lottery for the Use of said College, was read the second Time; the Question was demanded, Whether the said Lottery be allowed or not? but on Motion, the previous Question being put, Whether that Question be now put or not? it was carried as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. S. Smith,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Doughty,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. R. Ogden,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Hart.	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Fisher,			

Then the Question was put, Whether the Lottery, under certain Regulations, be allowed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. S. Smith,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. R. Ogden,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Doughty,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Hogbland,			

Ordered,

That Mr. Robert Ogden and Mr. Wetherill do bring in the said Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, September 20, 1762.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to vacate the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wetherill, do carry the said Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by a Lottery, a Sum of Money for the Use of said College*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Peter Bard* and others, Owners of the Water-Works erected on the *North-Branch* of *Ancocas Creek*, and a Canal cut out of the same, in the County of *Burlington*; setting forth, that the Petitioners, and those under whom they claim, have been at a great Expence about the said Works; and that there are Lands situate on the said Branch and Canal, on which Mills and other Works may be erected, which would greatly injure the Petitioners, and at some Seasons intirely hinder their working; and praying an Act of Assembly, to prohibit the Obstruction or Diversion of the said Streams; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes lying on the Westerly side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto, which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing, and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* reported the said Bill and Amendments, which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter he had received from *Joseph Yard*, Esq; purporting that Sickness hinders him from attending the House with his Accounts, but that if Health permits, he will attend the next Session.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes lying on the Westerly side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Doughty* and Mr. *Miller*, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself, delivered the two Bills with them intrusted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Clement* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Sixty-six of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, and other Places, setting forth the great Damage occasioned by Wears, Baskets, Pounds, and other Engines and Devices, in the River *Delaware*, for taking of Fish; and praying a Law to the like Purpose, with the Act lately passed in *Pennsylvania*, for remedying the same Mischief; and also Four Affidavits concerning the Damage occasioned by the said Obstructions: And also Two Petitions were presented to the House, signed by One Hundred and fifty Hands, against the said Law, and an Affidavit concerning the same; all which were read, and ordered second Readings.

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The Petition from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, relating to the Surveys, &c. in the Hands of *John Ladd*, Esq; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on a small Creek called Pumpeffly or Walker's Creek, in the Township of Chester, in the County of Burlington, &c.* was committed, reported the said Bill, with several Amendments; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Wetherill*, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Sheep being killed by Dogs*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by a Lottery, a Sum of Money for the Use of said College*; was read the second Time, and on the Question, Whether the said Bill be committed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *J. Ogden*.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 21, 1762.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on a small Creek called Pumpeffly or Walker's Creek, in the Township of Chester, in the County of Burlington, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Clement*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Doughty* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

SINCE your last Session, this Province has sustained a great Loss, by the Death of *Andrew Johnson*, Esq; one of the Treasurers: As it became necessary to appoint a proper Person to that Office, I have issued the Commission to *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; and I doubt not but he will give the Publick intire Satisfaction in the Execution of it.

Burlington,
September 21st, 1762.

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

On Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *R. Lawrence*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *J. Ogden*, or any Three of them, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Vouchers, and state the Accounts of the Honourable *Andrew Johnson*, Esq; deceased, the late Eastern Treasurer, and make Report thereof at next sitting; and that Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Reading*, do acquaint the Council thereof, and desire they would appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of meeting. Mr.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by a Lottery, &c.*, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places, and on the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Woodruff*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Crane*, laid his Accounts before the House, and they are referred to the Committee on the Publick Accounts.

Mr. *Fisher*, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to postpone the Drawing of the New-Jersey Lottery*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *S. Smith* and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to collect or transcribe all such Books and Papers as belong to his Office.

Mr. *Spicer*, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks, within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second-Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Session of Assembly for doing the Publick Business, to ascertain the Construction of Land Carriages, whose Wheels may not run less than Five Feet from Center to Center; provided no reasonable Objection shall be then made against the same.

Mr. *Stevens*, laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That they be referred to the Committee for settling the Publick Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Smith*, do sort the Papers in the Assembly Boxes, and send to *Amboy* only those of the most Consequence.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, and other Places, and Affidavits relating thereto, for an Act against the Erection of Pounds, &c. in the River *Delaware*, were read the second Time; and the several Petitions and Affidavit against the said Act, were also read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the House will now do any Thing, or refer it till next Session? it was carried for Referring.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof, be referred till next Session.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to collect or transcribe all such Books and Papers as belong to his Office*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by a Lottery, a Sum of Money for the Use of said College*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,

YEAS.

Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,

NAYS.

Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Casting Vote for the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. J. Ogden, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Hunterdon* and *Burlington* Counties, setting forth the ruinous Condition of the Bridge over *Affanpink*, at *Trenton*, between the two Counties, and praying the Aid of the Legislature, to build a Stone Bridge by Tax on the said two Counties ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Anderson*, of *Maidenhead*, setting forth certain Proceedings in *Hunterdon*, relating to the Trial of his Negro Slave for a Rape and Assault, which he apprehends to be illegal; and praying Redress in the Premises ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Vail*, jun. a Prisoner for Debt in *Amboy* Gaol, setting forth his distressed Circumstances, and praying an insolvent Act ; which was read; and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplemetary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time ; and on the Question agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Surveyor General, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Cooper.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to postpone the Drawing of the Province Lottery*, was read the second Time ; and some Amendments being made thereto in the House, the same as amended was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from several Inhabitants of *Burlington* and *Monmouth*, against the Erection of a Bridge over *Croswicks* Creek, at *Watson's* Ferry; which were read ; and the Petitions for the said Bridge, were also read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Parties for and against the Erection of the said Bridge; have a Hearing before this House, on the third Day of the next Session at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business; and that Copies of this Order be affixed at *Brown's* Mill, and at *Allen-Town*, by Mr. Borden.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Williams*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Elizabeth-Town* Goal, praying for an Insolvent Act ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 22, 1762.

The House met.

The Committee on the Publick Accounts informed the House, that they meet with Difficulties in settling *Stephen Crane's* Accounts, which cannot well be now got over.

Ordered,

That *Stephen Crane* do lay his Accounts and Vouchers before the House, on the first Day of next Session.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Samuel Smith* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to lay a Duty on Negroes imported into this Province.

Mr. *Smith* accordingly brought in the said Bill; which was read, and ordered a second Reading:

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Indians settled at *Brotherton*, setting forth, that their Provision, Cloathing and Nails, for building, the first Year they came to *Brotherton*, amounted to about £. 106; which they still are in Debt for; and that their Mill is lately burnt; which renders them utterly unable to pay their said Debt; and praying, that the Province will pay the same; as they have had some Reason to expect: And five of the said Indians attending, were called in, and heard; and it being late in the Session, the said Petition is referred to next Session.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, Officers included, to be employed in his Majesty's Service, from and after the first Day of November next; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to postpone the Drawing of the Province Lottery*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *J. Ogden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Sheep from being killed by Dogs*, was read the second Time, and on the Question, committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Cooper*.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Reading* and himself, delivered the Message with them Yesterday intrusted, to Mr. *Woodruff*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Remonstrance was presented to the House, from Sixty-six of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Greenwich*, and another from *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*, against a former Petition from *Greenwich* and *Fairfield*, for laying out a Road, and establishing a Ferry across *Cobansie* Creek; and the said former Petition, and another now delivered from the Town-Meeting of *Fairfield*, were also read: And the Parties for and against the said Road and Ferry attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard; and on the Question, Whether the said Petitions do lie on the Table, or not? it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller* do bring in a Bill at next Session, to settle the Matter in Difference between the Parties.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, September 23, 1762.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the Bill be committed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. S. Smith,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Doughty,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Borden,	Mr. Hart.		

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hart.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary; which was read.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

YOU will find by the Papers herewith sent, that Complaint was made at the last Treaty with the Indians in *Pennsylvania*, of one of their People being killed near *Cole's Fort*, by one of the Inhabitants of this Province. We are very happy, in being eased of the Expence which would attend an Application from them to this Government; and as they have been satisfied on that Head, I recommend it to you, to make Provision for the Reimbursement of the Gentleman, who, with the Approbation of Governor *Hamilton*, has done what was thought necessary on the Occasion.

Burlington,
23^d September, 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY.

And the Papers mentioned in the said Message, were also read:

Ordered,

That the said Message and Papers be read a second Time.

Mr. J. Ogden reported, that Mr. Dey and himself, delivered the three Bills with them intrusted, to Mr. Read, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Smith, acquainting the House, that the several Bills, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East Side of Great Mantau Creek, &c.* *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes lying on the Westerly side of Raccoon Creek, &c.* *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges: An Act for rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex, &c.* *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for the Use of said College: An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on a small Creek called Pumpeffly or Walker's Creek, &c.* are passed the Council this Day, without Amendment.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Benjamin Yard and John Rickey, of *Trenton*, setting forth, that they in the Year 1755, purchased each of them a Servant, who afterwards enlisted in the 44th Battallion of Regulars; upon which the Petitioners brought Actions against the Officers who enlisted them; and upon a Point of Law the Judgment of Court was against the Petitioners; who thereupon lost the Service of their said Servants, and paid large Bills of Cost; and praying an Allowance for the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes and Mulatto Slaves, imported into this Province*, reported the same, with one Amendment thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendment in its Place; and several additional Amendments being made to the same in the House, on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Sheep being killed by Dogs*, reported the said Bill, with some Amendments to the same; and the said Bill was read, and the said Amendments in their Places, and several additional Amendments being made to the same in the House; on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was referred to be considered next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clement* have Leave to be absent the Remainder of the Session.

The Petition of *John Anderson*, of *Maidenhead*, respecting the Proceedings on the Trial of his Negro Slave, was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* have Leave to be absent the Remainder of the Session.

Mr. *John Ogden*, from the Committee on the Publick Accounts, made the following Reports. To which the House agreed.

Dr. The Province of New-Jersey, to Hugh Hartshorne, Esq; one of the Barrack-Masters for Burlington.	Cr.
1759, To Sundries, as per Receipts, to	By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq; one
March 12. the Amount of - - - - £. 150-0-0	of the Treasurers of this Colony, - £. 150-0-0

We the Subscribers have inspected the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and find the same to be right.

Burlington, September 23, 1762.

JOHN WETHERILL.
JOHN HART.
JOHN OGDEN.

Dr. The Province of New-Jersey to John Stevens, one of the Commissioners appointed to pay the captivated Provincials, Cr.	
To Cash paid sundry Provincials their Wages, 1761, By Cash of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer	
as per Receipts, - - - - £. 529-13-08	Feb. 11. of the Western Division, - £. 250-00-0
To Do. paid Richard Gibb, as per Receipts, 11-15-11	Dec. 16. By Do. of Andrew Johnston, Esq;
	Treasurer of the Eastern Division, 237-01-0
Commissions at Two per Cent. - - 541-09-07	
To Cash paid sundry of the Provincials, for 10-16-07	
Subsistence, on the Return from the	Ballance due to John Stevens, - - 487-01-0
Campaign, - - - - - 3-19-06	69-04-8
	£. 556-05-8
£. 556-05-08	

Burlington, Sept. 22. 1762.

Errors excepted, per John Stevens.

We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have carefully examined all the Articles in the above Account, and Vouchers thereto, and find the same to be right; and that there is a Ballance of £. 69-4-8, due from the Province to John Stevens, Esq; September 22, 1762.

WILLIAM HANCOCK;
JOHN WETHERILL.
JOHN HART.
JOHN OGDEN.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, September 24, 1762.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes and Mulatto Slaves, imported into this Province*; was read and compared, and on the Question,

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Doughty,

YEAS.

Mr. Borden,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,

NAYS.

Mr. Dey,
Mr. Leaming.

Ordered,

That Mr. Doughty and Mr. J. Lawrence, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition from *Peter Bard* and others, Owners of the Water-Works erected on the *North-Branch of Ancocas Creek*, and a Canal cut out of the same, for a Bill to prohibit the Obstruction or Diversion of the said Streams, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Session at *Burlington* for doing the Publick Business, provided they give Six Weeks Notice in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of their Application and this Order, and no reasonable Objection shall then appear against the same.

Mr. Doughty reported, that Mr. J. Lawrence, and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. Woodruff, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Message from his Excellency, and Papers relative thereto, concerning the Expence of *Maudlin the Indian*, amounting to £. 15-6. were read the second Time.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente.

That the said Sum of £. 15-6. be allowed to *Israel Pemberton*, for that Service; and that the same be inserted in the next Supply Bill.

The Petition from several Inhabitants of *Hunterdon* and *Burlington* Counties, concerning the ruinous Condition of the Bridge at *Trenton*, over *Affanpink*, and praying a Law to build a Stone Bridge, at the Expence of the said two Counties; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration, that the Members may have Opportunity to consult their Constituents.

Mr. S. Smith, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, brought in the same; and the said Draught was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Messrs. *Yard* and *Rickey*, of *Trenton*, concerning the Inlistment of their Servants, and their Expences thereupon; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from *Simon Sparks*, of *Gloucester* County, praying Allowance for 17 Men of Capt. *Falkner's* Company, billeted on him, and afterwards rejected as supernumerary; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from several Inhabitants of *Princetown*, complaining of Hardships they suffer by his Majesty's Troops passing through *Princetown*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from Capt. *Jonathan Stout*, praying Allowance for the supernumerary Men he inlisted; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The several Petitions presented this Sitting, for an Insolvent Act; were read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

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The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;

‘ **H**AVING received a Letter from Sir *Jeffery Amberst*, Commander in Chief of his Majesty’s Forces here, expressing his Approbation of your Measures this Session, relative to the Sixty-six Volunteers continued in Pay, for the ensuing Winter; I think it proper to lay it before you; and as the completing the Regular Regiments, is a Matter of the utmost Consequence to the common Cause, and he presses it upon me; I must therefore desire your Attention to it, and that you will enable me to give him a definitive Answer.

*Burlington,
September 24, 1762.*

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

And the said Message, together with the Letter therein referred to, were read.

The Address to his Excellency was read the second Time; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait upon his Excellency, and know when his Excellency will be pleased to be waited upon by the House with their Address.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes, &c.* with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and the said Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-ingrossed.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that the House should hear from him bye-and-bye.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Smith* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House have appointed Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Ashfield* and Mr. *Woodruff*, or any two of them, to be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Vouchers, and state the Accounts of the late Mr. Treasurer *Johnston*, and that the Committees meet for that Purpose, at the House of Mr. *John Johnston*, at *Amboy*, on the first Tuesday in October next.

By Order of the House,

C H A R L S R E A D, Clerk.

*Council-Chamber,
September 24, 1762.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the several Bills, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing, and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, &c.* A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation, &c.* An Act to postpone the Drawing of the Province Lottery, this Day, without Amendment.

The Bill re-ingrossed, with the Council’s Amendments, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes, &c.* was read, and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *J. Ogden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council.

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The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and with the House waited upon his Excellency with their Address; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, and delivered their Address, in the Words following.

To his Excellency JOSIAH HARDY, Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Cæsarea, or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, pleased with the favourable Prospect of an approaching Peace, upon Terms of Glory and Advantage; have provided for the Number of Men required by his Majesty's General, in Hopes this, added to our former Services of the same Kind, may continue to us his Majesty's Regard, and be of Use in Respect to the future Quiet of North-America.

THE Conquest of the Havannah, after former Acquisitions of this War, creates fresh Matter of thankful Acknowledgements, and is an Event not only Glorious to all concerned, but must have the best Effect on his Majesty's unwearied Endeavours, for the Promotion of a General Peace; and is to our great Satisfaction; especially as the Detachment of our Regiment, arrived Time enough to have their Share in the Conquest.

THAT in the present extreme Scarcity of Men in this Province, the General should be put to great Difficulties in Recruiting the Regular Corps, is what we expected; but as Part of our Regiment is soon to be disbanded, according to the Terms of their Inlistment; the Money applied at our last Sitting to that Service, may perhaps be usefully employed among them; and if the General should approve of that Expedient, we hope your Excellency will encourage as many of them to Inlist as shall be free to enter.

By Order of the House,

Burlington, September 24, 1762.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.

Mr. Fisher reported, that Mr. John Ogden and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, September 25, 1762.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

I HAVE this Moment received a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of New-York, inclosing an Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy-Hook, actionable in that Colony; which I have ordered to be laid before you. I must recommend your taking this Matter into immediate Consideration, and hope you will pass an Act in Conformity to that of New-York.

Burlington,
September 25, 1762.

J O S I A H H A R D Y.

And the said Message, and Letter therein referred to, were read; and on the Question, Whether the House will now do any Thing therein or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Smith and Mr. Stevens do bring in the Bill.

Mr. Smith accordingly brought in said Bill; which was Twice read, and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed:

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Persons prosecuted in the Colony of New-York for Trespasses committed on Sandy-Hook, being again prosecuted in New-Jersey, on the same Trespasses*; was read, and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. R. Lawrence, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. Lawrence and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Smith, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Persons prosecuted in the Colony of New-York, for Trespasses committed on Sandy-Hook, &c.* without Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Doughty do go to the Council, and desire to know Whether they have any Thing before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismissal.

Mr. Fisher reported, that Mr. Doughty and himself, performed the Order of the House; and that the Council say, they have Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Miller do wait upon his Excellency, and desire his Excellency would be pleased to pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House.

Mr. Wetherill reported, that Mr. Miller and himself, waited on his Excellency; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him immediately.

Mr. John Lawrence, from the Committee on the Publick Accounts, made the following Reports. To which the House agreed.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Thomas Rodman, one of

1761, June 1.	To the Bounty Money paid to 85 Men, Nine Pounds each, - - -	£. 765-00-0
	To Cash paid for the Subsistence of 85 Men, - - -	161-01-0
	To Cash for Levy Money, for the 85 Men, 20 s. each, - - -	85-00-0
June 2.	To Cash for Levy Money for two Men, 40 s. Cash for their Subsistence, 6 s. and Bounty Money paid to <i>William Parker</i> and <i>Andrew Guiry</i> , Nine Pounds each, 18 l.	20-06-0
	To Commissions, - - -	10-06-2½
		1041-13-2½
1762, Sept. 24.	To Cash returned to <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer, - - -	4-06-9½
		£. 1046-00-0

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Thomas Rodman, one of

1762, April 28.	To the Bounty Money paid to 97 Men, Nine pounds each, - - -	£. 873-00-00
	To Cash paid for the Subsistence of 97 Men, - - -	194-17-00
	To Cash paid for Levy Money for 97 Men, 20 s. each, - - -	97-00-00
	To Commissions, - - -	11-12-11
May 5.	To Cash returned to <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer, - - -	1436-00-00
		2612-09-11
1762, Sept. 24.	To Cash returned to <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer, - - -	7-10-01
		£. 2620-00-00

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Joseph Hollinshead,

To Sundries, as per Account of Particulars and Vouchers examined, - - -	£. 17830-08-11
Balance in the Hands of said <i>Joseph Hollinshead</i> , - - -	161-00-01
	£. 17991-09-00

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon His Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

A.

the Muster-Masters, for the Year 1761.

Cr.

1761, May 4.	By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	- - - - -	£. 20-00-0
19.	By Cash received of Do.	- - - - -	105-00-0
June 1.	By Cash received of Do.	- - - - -	900-00-0
2.	By Cash received of Do.	- - - - -	21-00-0
			<u>£. 1046 00-0</u>

Errors excepted, per me Thomas Rodman.

We have examined the above Account, and the several Vouchers relating thereto, and report the same as above stated, Sept. 24. 1762.

JOHN LAWRENCE.
JOHN HART.
JOHN OGDEN.

the Muster-Masters, for the Year 1762.

Cr.

1762, March 23.	By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	- - - - -	£. 66-00-0
27.	By Cash received of Do.	- - - - -	54-00-0
April 8.	By Cash received of Do.	- - - - -	2500-00-0
			<u>£. 2620-00-0</u>

Errors excepted, per me Thomas Rodman.

We have examined the above Account, and the several Vouchers relating thereto, and report the same as above stated. Sept. 24. 1762.

JOHN LAWRENCE.
JOHN HART.
JOHN OGDEN.

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Cr.

By fundry Sums of Money received, as per Account exhibited,	- - - - -	£. 17991-09-0
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We have examined the several Vouchers relating to the Dr. Side, of the above Account, and find them agree therewith; but as some of the Treasurers Accounts are said to be at Amboy, we recommend the same to be hereafter further examined; and if they agree with the Credit Side of said Account, we find a Ballance of £. 161-0-1, due to the Province of New-Jersey, from said Joseph Hollinhead.

September 25, 1762.

JOHN OGDEN,
JOHN HART,
JOHN LAWRENCE,

1. An Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing and Pay of Sixty-six effective Volunteers, (Officers included) to be employed in his Majesty's Service, from and after the first Day of November next; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

2. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey.

3. An Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes and Mulatto Slaves, imported into this Province.

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4. *A Supplement to the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.*
5. *An Act to prevent Persons prosecuted in the Colony of New-York for Trespasses committed on, Sandy-Hook, being again prosecuted in New-Jersey, on the same Trespasses.*
6. *An Act to postpone the Drawing of the Province Lottery.*
7. *An Act for rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex, and to relieve and secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery, against any Action that is, or may be brought against them, concerning the same.*
8. *An Act to empower the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to raise by a Lottery, a Sum of Money for the Use of said College.*
9. *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East Side of Great Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to drain the said Marshes, and to keep their Tide Bank in proper Repair.*
10. *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes lying on the Westerly side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same.*
11. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on a small Creek called Pumpeffly or Walker's Creek, in the Township of Chester, in the County of Burlington, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water-Works, across the said Creek, in Order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same.*

And then his Excellency prorogued the House, by the following Speech:

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ **T**HE Readiness and Expedition with which you have gone through
 ‘ the Business of this Session, does Honour to yourselves, and gives
 ‘ me the highest Satisfaction: As there is no Necessity to detain you any
 ‘ longer from your Domestic Concerns, I do prorogue this General Assembly,
 ‘ to Tuesday the 26th Day of October next, and they are prorogued accordingly.

*Burlington,
 September 25, 1762.*

J O S I A H H A R D Y.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
 appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print
 these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,

Speaker.

N^o 62.

V O T E S
AND
P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
General Assembly
OF THE
Province of *NEW-JERSEY.*

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *Pertb-Amboy*, May 25, 1763, and continued till the third Day of *June* following.

Being the Seventh Session of the Twentieth Assembly of *New-Jersey.*



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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, WEDNESDAY, May 25, 1763.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business met; and being informed by Letter from the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Speaker of the House, that by Reason of many Indispositions of Body, he is rendered utterly unable to attend the Service of the House, desiring the Members to excuse him to His Excellency, and obtain his Leave to chuse another Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, were desired to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith, and desire Leave to chuse another Speaker.

Mr. *Wetherill* informed the Members, that Mr. *John Lawrence* and himself had waited on his Excellency with their Message; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the Members might proceed to the Choice of a Speaker To-morrow, to which Time he would prorogue the General Assembly.

Thursday, May 26, 1763.

The Members met; and agreeable to his Excellency's Pleasure signified Yesterday, proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and unanimously chose *Robert Ogden*, Esq; who was conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon by the House, to present their Speaker for his Approbation.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he should be in the Council Chamber in Half and Hour, and would then send for the House.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Presentation of the Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented him to his Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice; and that he had requested of his Excellency, that the House might at all Times be protected in their usual Privileges; which his Excellency was pleased to grant. And then his Excellency made a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows;

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Gentlemen

x Gov. Franklin, who arrived the 25th day of February 1763.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

‘ **W**HEN it pleased his Majesty graciously to honour me with his
 ‘ Commission for this Government, I considered it as a particular
 ‘ Felicity to be placed in that Station among a People that I knew, and whose
 ‘ general Character is so truly estimable.

‘ NOT having received any Commands from the King or his Ministers, which
 ‘ required your immediate Consideration, I postpon’d the Pleasure of meeting
 ‘ you in your Legislative Capacity, till a Time, that from the best Information
 ‘ I could procure, was least likely to interfere with your private Affairs.

‘ Two Events have lately occurred of great Import to the Welfare
 ‘ of the British Nation, on which you have my most sincere and hearty
 ‘ Congratulations.—

‘ —THE auspicious Birth of a Prince, on a Day ever sacred to Liberty and the
 ‘ Protestant Cause, cannot but diffuse Joy throughout the King’s Dominions,
 ‘ as it gives us the pleasing Prospect of a Continuation to our Posterity, of those
 ‘ inestimable Blessings of civil and religious Liberty, which we have enjoyed
 ‘ without Interruption, under the present Royal Family.—

‘ —THE Termination of a long and burthensome War, by the late Definitive
 ‘ Treaty, is an Event as happy as it is glorious. A Peace is obtained for us
 ‘ by the Success of his Majesty’s Arms, and the Wisdom and Firmness of his
 ‘ Councils, that cannot be parallel’d for solid national Advantages, by any
 ‘ recorded in the British Annals, if in those of any other Nation: For indeed
 ‘ how rarely does it happen, that those Powers who have been long engaged
 ‘ in War, find themselves ultimately benefited by it? Who of all the Princes
 ‘ of *Europe*, concerned in the late War, in which many of them had almost
 ‘ exhausted their last Resources, has acquired any Addition of Territory, or
 ‘ any Compensation for Losses sustained, save only our most illustrious Sovereign?
 ‘ As in every Quarter of the Globe he was victorious; so in every Quarter he
 ‘ has retained some important Advantage, which the Nation was not in
 ‘ Possession of before. But in this Part of the World, how great and glorious
 ‘ are our national Acquisitions! Instead of confining us to a narrow Sea-Coast,
 ‘ which the *French* vainly attempted even before the War, we see that powerful
 ‘ Nation not only dispossessed of their Encroachments, but of the very Country
 ‘ from whence they encroached: A Country of immense Extent, and which, in
 ‘ our Possession, not only gives effectual Security to these Colonies, but must in
 ‘ a short Time occasion a vast Increase of the Commerce and Power of the
 ‘ British Empire. The steady Conduct of this Province during the Course of
 ‘ the War, and its constant Readiness in complying cheerfully according to its
 ‘ Abilities, with every Requisition of the Crown, for promoting the common
 ‘ Service, must now afford you great Satisfaction in the Reflection, and will
 ‘ ever be remembred highly to your Honour.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

‘ THE Act for the Support of Government being expired, you will of Course
 ‘ take that Matter into Consideration. In the doing of which, I flatter myself,
 ‘ that you will let the Royal Instruction my Predecessors have so often recom-
 ‘ mended

‘ mended to you on this Head, and which is entered on your Journals, have
 ‘ its proper Weight. And I have not the least Doubt, but that you will likewise
 ‘ do therein what Justice shall appear to you to require, and what is becoming
 ‘ the Honour of the Province you represent.

‘ As you reside in different Parts of the Country, you have the best Oppor-
 ‘ tunities of being acquainted with its present Circumstances and Occasions.
 ‘ If any new Laws, or Amendments of old Ones, appear to you to be necessary,
 ‘ you may be assured of my ready Concurrence in every Thing consistent with
 ‘ my Duty to the Crown, which I can never depart from, as I am persuaded
 ‘ you would not wish to deviate from yours; since you must be convinced, that
 ‘ one of the surest Means of promoting the Prosperity and Happiness of the
 ‘ People in any Colony, is to obtain and secure, by a truly dutiful Behaviour,
 ‘ the Favour of their Sovereign, from whom they derive Protection in the
 ‘ Enjoyment of their Liberties, Properties, Religion, and every Thing that
 ‘ is valuable.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ LET me recommend it to you, now the publick Tranquility is happily
 ‘ re-established, to pay an earnest Attention to the Arts of Peace. There are
 ‘ probably some Kinds of valuable Produce, hitherto but slightly if at all
 ‘ attempted, that might with proper Encouragement be raised in this Province,
 ‘ and tend much to the Advantage of the Inhabitants. Some Improvement
 ‘ might no doubt be likewise made in the Navigation of Creeks and Rivers,
 ‘ and in the publick Roads. By turning your Thoughts to these Matters, it
 ‘ may be reasonably expected, that many Things will occur, which, if carried
 ‘ into Execution, would prove greatly beneficial not only to the Province, but
 ‘ to the Mother Country.

‘ THE Assemblies of this Province have of late Years so distinguished them-
 ‘ selves for their general Unanimity, that it seems unnecessary to recommend it
 ‘ to them in their future Proceedings. I shall only observe, that its good
 ‘ Effects have been conspicuous and evident to all, and therefore I hope it will
 ‘ always continue.

‘ As to myself, I am fully sensible, it is not what is promised, but what is
 ‘ done, in any Administration, that must finally settle its Character. I shall not
 ‘ therefore begin mine among you by making great Professions: But I hope in
 ‘ the Course of it, to demonstrate, by Actions, that I think the most effectual
 ‘ Means of approving myself a faithful Servant to my Royal Master, is to
 ‘ promote the true Interests of the Province, over which he has done me the
 ‘ Honour to place me, and to increase by every Means in my Power, the general
 ‘ Welfare and Happiness of its People.

PERTH-AMBOY,
 May 26, 1763.

Wm Franklin.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech, have a second Reading.

Mr. Miller acquainted the House, that *William Hancock*, Esq; one of the Members
 of this House, for the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, lately deceased.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Representative for the said Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, in the Room of *William Hancock*, Esq; deceased.

Mr. *Stevens* likewise informed the House, that *Andrew Smyth*, Esq; one of the Members of this House, for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, is deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for Electing a Representative for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, in the Room of the said *Andrew Smyth*, Esq; deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller* be continued to bring in the Bill ordered last Session, for settling the Matters respecting the laying out a Road, and establishing a Ferry across *Cohanje* Creek, at next Session.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock.

Friday, May 27, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, complaining of the Obstruction of the Navigation of *Ancocas Creek*, in said County; occasioned by Flood-Gates and Water-Works erected on said Creek, not being kept in Repair, and under proper Regulations for passing through the same; praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from fundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, complaining of the Losses frequently happening by Dogs killing Sheep; praying a Law for preventing the same, as much as may be for the future, and providing for the Indemnification of such Sufferers; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *North Hampton*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that a Petition was presented to the House about the 20th of *September* last, by *Peter Bard* and others, Owners of the Water-Works erected on the *North-Branch* of *Ancocas Creek*, and a Canal cut out of the same, praying an Act of Assembly to prohibit the Obstruction or Diversion of the said Streams; which Petition the present Petitioners conceive to be without Foundation, as the Building more Mills on a Part of said Stream, may in Time be of publick Utility; the Prevention whereof, would be invading the Property, and become injurious to the said Inhabitants; praying for the Reasons therein contained, that the former Petition may be rejected; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Samuel Smith*, one of the Committee appointed to correspond with the Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, laid before the House, several Letters he had received from the said Agent; which were read.

Mr. *Smith* laid before the House, a Letter he had received from *Joseph Tard*, Esq; desiring to be excused from attending the House this Session, to settle his Accounts with the Colony, by Reason of his present Indisposition of Body; and desiring to know, whether any additional Draughts for the Barracks could be allowed, since the Conclusion of the Peace.

Resolved,

Stephen

Stephen Crane, Esq; informed the House by Letter, that at present he is detained out of the Province on Business of Importance, and cannot possibly attend this Session, to settle his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Borden*, or any Three of them, be a Committee to settle the publick Accounts, that may come before the House this Session: And that Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Reading*, or any Three of them, do inspect and settle the Accounts of *Joseph Yard*, Esq; during the Vacation: And that Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *John Ogden*, and Mr. *Dey*, or any Three of them, do inspect and settle the Accounts of *Stephen Crane*, Esq; during the said Vacation; and make Reports on said Accounts to the House, at next Sitting of Assembly.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*; setting forth the bad Consequence often attending the giving Strong Liquors at publick Vendues; praying a Law for restraining such Abuses for the future; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Reading*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Preservation of Sheep.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Resolved,

That *John Angell* be Door-keeper of this House.

The Petition for a Law, for confirming and rendering firm and effectual, certain Parts of the last Will and Testament of *Ebenezer Large*, late of the City of *Burlington*, deceased, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Whereupon Mr. *Smith*, in Behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for confirming and rendering firm and effectual certain Parts of the last Will and Testament of Ebenezer Large, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *George Willocks Leslie*, setting forth, that the Petitioner, with his several Brethren, viz. *John*, *Edmund*, *James*, and *William*, are seized as Tenants in Common, of a large Tract of Land in the County of *Hunterdon*, devised to them by their Father *George Leslie*, late of *Perth-Amboy*, deceased, in and by his last Will and Testament; which Lands, by Virtue of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Supreme Court, at the Suit of the said *John Leslie*, was divided among all the Children aforesaid; in which Partition a manifest Mistake appears, whereby the youngest Brother of the Petitioner, now under Age, is a considerable Loser; and that certain Lands since appears to have been left out of said Division; and that certain Persons having purchased Lands from the Petitioner, and his Brother the said *John Leslie*, which might be ousted therefrom, in case a new Division of said Lands should be made, unless they are secured by an Act of the Legislature; praying a Law to vacate the aforesaid Partition, with a Clause to secure the several Purchasers; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Stevens* laid before the House, a Receipt he had received from *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of this Colony, wherein he acknowledges to have received from the Executors of the late Treasurer *Johnston*, deceased, the Ballance of *Thirty-three Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Eleven pence Three-farthings*, due to the Colony, as reported this Morning.

Mr. *Reading*, by Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide a Fund to pay for Sheep killed by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Isaac Mills*, one of the late Ensigns of the *Jersey* Regiment; setting forth, that in the Year 1762, he received a Warrant from the Governor, for recruiting Men for said Regiment; in Consequence whereof, he enlisted a Number of Men not wanted for the said Service, by which the Petitioner became a considerable Loser by the Money and Subsistence advanced to such Men; praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *George Willocks-Lessie*, relating to the Partition of Lands, was read the second Time; and the Petitioner with his Council and Evidence attending at the Door, were admitted into the House, and the Allegations, Proofs and Evidences in Support of said Petition, being fully heard, they then withdrew.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the subject Matter of said Petition, be deferred till Tomorrow Morning.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Col. *Samuel Hunt*, in Behalf of himself, the Commissioned and Non-commissioned, and Privates, of the *New-Jersey* Regiment; setting forth, that the Pay of the *New-Jersey* Regiment under his Command, expired by Law the first Day of *November* last; notwithstanding which, the said Regiment were detained on Duty so long after, as not to be able to return into this Colony till *December* last; praying an Allowance for such Time as they were detained on Duty after the Expiration of their Pay; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Reeker*, setting forth, that in the Year 1761, he enlisted himself a Soldier under Col. *Hunt*; that being taken sick at *Fort Schuyler*, he was sent to the Hospital, and being discharged from thence before recovered, met with a Relapse; he was then taken Care of by a charitable Woman, for which he could raise no Money to make Restitution, otherwise than by indenting himself a Servant to said Col. *Hunt*, for Three Years; altho' all the Money he wanted for the above Purpose, was no more than *Five Pounds* more than due to him from said *Hunt*, for Wages; that the next Year he went on another Campaign, with said Col. *Hunt*, upon his Promise to discharge him from his Indenture at the End of the Campaign; that said *Hunt*, notwithstanding sold the Petitioner to a Sutler at *Oswego*, and continued to receive his Wages, as he before had his Bounty; that the Sutler sold the Petitioner, to Lieutenant *Shute*, to whom (in order to induce him to make the Purchase, that the Petitioner might once more return to the *Jerseys*) he gave a new Indenture for Four Years; since which he hath been sold for upwards of *Thirty Pounds*, and still remains under Servitude, having a Wife and Family in needy Circumstances, and complaining of other Grievances; praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Sundry Petitions were presented to the House, from Numbers of Prisoners for Debt, confined in several Parts of the Province; praying for an Insolvent Act in their Favour; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Captain *William Falkner*, setting forth, that last Year he enlisted Seventy-two Men, and advanced to each a Dollar; out of which but Fifty Men were wanted, by which he lost the Money advanced to such Men not wanted; praying a Reimbursement for the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Jacob Bonnel*, one of the Officers in the late *Jersey* Regiment, setting forth, that last Year he enlisted a large Number of Men for said Regiment, which happened not to be wanted for the Service, by which he lost *Eighty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*; praying a Reimbursement for the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock.

Saturday, May 28, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter he received from the Honourable *Edward Antill*, Esq; setting forth many of the bad Consequences attending such a Multiplicity of Taverns being licenced within this Colony; recommending to the House some proper Regulations therein; which Letter was read in the House.

A written Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following;

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

I Last Night received from his Excellency Governor *Monckton*, an attested Copy of an Act lately passed in his Government, for ascertaining and finally settling the Boundary or Partition-Line between this Province and *New-York*; which Act I herewith communicate. The Adjustment of the unhappy Controversy, which has on this Head so long subsisted between the two Provinces, is of such great Importance to the Welfare of the Inhabitants, that I must earnestly recommend it to your immediate Consideration. As it is a Matter the Crown has heretofore strongly recommended, and has still much at Heart; and as you have always been inclined to have it amicably terminated, and the Province of *New-York* have shewn the same good Disposition, I can have no Reason to doubt that you will readily pass an Act for this desirable Purpose."

PERTH-AMBOY,
May 28, 1763.

W. FRANKLIN.

Ordered,

That the above Message have a second Reading.

The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder and Commonalty, of the City of *New-Brunswick*, for raising Money for Building a Court House and Gaol in said City; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided no reasonable Objections then appear, for raising the same by a Tax on the Inhabitants.

The House, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, took into Consideration the subject Matter of the Petition of *George Willocks Leslie*, for rectifying a former Mistake made in the Division of certain Lands, and securing the Purchases made of Part thereof.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That further Consideration of the Matters specified in the said Petition, be deferred for the present.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide a Fund to pay for Sheep killed by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Richard Lawrence.

Two Petitions, both of one Tenor, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of Somerset and Middlesex, were presented to the House; praying for the Reasons therein given, that Jacob Byce and John Haas, or their Assigns, may have Leave to erect a Mill or Mills, at or near Queen's Bridge, on Rariton River; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Joseph French, John and Peter Van Voorbees, and a large Number of the Inhabitants living adjacent to the Landing, on Rariton River; praying a Law for establishing certain Mills and Works erected by the said French and Van Voorbees's, on said River, at or near the said Landing; and to stay all Actions and Prosecutions that may be had against the Petitioners for erecting said Works; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for confirming and rendering effectual certain Parts of the last Will and Testament of Ebenezer Large*; was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from Burlington County, complaining of the Obstruction of Ancocas Creek, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of said Petition be referred to next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business; when all Parties concerned may have an Opportunity of being heard.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Ten o'Clock.

MONDAY, May 30, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of Newark and Morris County, praying for the Reasons therein given, that a Road may be laid out from the Town of Newark, across Passaick and Hackinsack Rivers, and through the Town of Bergen, and Ferries erected across said Rivers and the Mouth of the North-River to New-York; and that proper Commissioners may be appointed for that Purpose, who may have Power to raise a Sum of Money by Lottery, for defraying the Expence thereof; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

John Anderson, Esq; being returned a Representative to serve in General Assembly for the County of Monmouth, in the Room and Stead of James Holmes, Esq; late deceased attending, was admitted into the House, and duly qualified before the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; and Courtland Skinner, Esq;

Ordered,

That Mr. Anderson do take his Seat in the House.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Ezekiel Forman, of the County of Middlesex, setting forth, that some Time after the drawing of Peter Gordon's first Lottery, the Petitioner purchased a Ticket in said Lottery at a publick Vendue, for the Sale of the Effects of an Insolvent Debtor; for which Ticket, as it had then drew

a valuable Prize in Land, the Petitioner gave £. 200; that some Time after the Purchase of said Ticket, the Legislature of this Province passed a Law vacating said Lottery; by which means the Petitioner expected he was acquitted from paying the Money for the Purchase of said Ticket; notwithstanding which he is called upon for said Money, and threatened with a Prosecution for the same; praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Indians of *Brotherton*, in *Evesham*, in the County of *Burlington*, desiring that the Prayer of their Petition presented to the House last Session at *Burlington*, may be granted; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from Prisoners for Debt, in *Pertb-Amboy* and *Somerset* Gaols, setting forth their distressed Circumstances; praying for an Insolvent Act; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Daniel Tool*, setting forth, that he was wounded in his Fore-head at *Tieonderoga*, by which he lost his Sight; praying that some Provision may be made for his Support; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Two Petitions, both of one Tenor, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, were presented to the House; praying for the Reasons therein contained, that a Road may be laid out across *Newton* Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to *Cooper's* Ferry, and a Bridge built over said *Newton* Creek; which Petitions were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Davys Coleman*, now confined in the Gaol of *Pertb-Amboy* for Debt, setting forth his Misfortunes; praying to be discharged from his Confinement; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Aaron Miller*, of *Elizabeth-Town*, setting forth, that through much Study, Labour, and Expence, he hath formed Instruments for Surveying of Land, and Protracting the same, whereby any Line may be run with Exactness to a Minute, or any Part of a Degree; which Instruments, as they are the first hitherto discovered, that will answer the above Purposes, and likely to become of publick Utility, he desires such a Bounty, as from the Usefulness his Discovery may deserve; and as an Encouragement to all useful Inventions, what the House may think meet and convenient to bestow; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide a Fund to pay for Sheep killed by Dogs, &c.* reported the said Bill, with sundry Amendments, being now entitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*; which Bill being read, and other Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Richard Corbin*, setting forth, that he entered a Soldier in the *New-Jersey* Regiment in November 1761, under Capt. *Tenbrooke*, and expected according to the Proposals made at his Enlistment, to have received his Cloaths to defend him from the Inclemency of the Winter, which he did not obtain till May following, which obliged the Petitioner to apply to the Captain for Necessaries, which

which he accordingly supplied, and stopped out of his Wages; and that the other Stoppages out of his Wages appointed by Law, was not paid him at his Discharge; praying the House to grant him Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Cornelius Verberg* and four other Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech, and come to the following Resolutions; which by Leave he reported as follows

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That his Majesty's Government of *New-Jersey*, be honourably supported for one Year, to commence the 21st of *May* 1763. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *Reading*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee, appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and come to several Resolutions, which by Leave he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *William Franklin*, Esq; at the Rate of *Twelve Hundred Pounds, per Annum*; and on the Question, Whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

For £. 1200.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*.

For £. 1200.

Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Reading*.

For £. 1000.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*.

For £. 1100.

Mr. *Fisher*.

To the Honourable *Robert Hunter Morris*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Annum*: And on the Question, Whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey.

Y E A S.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Reading.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
who voted for £. 100.

To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum*; and on the Question, Whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? it passed in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey.

Y E A S.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Miller, who voted for £. 25.

N A Y S.

Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Reading,
who voted for £. 40.

To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum*; and on the Question, Whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? it was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey.

Y E A S.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Miller, who voted for £. 25.

N A Y S.

Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Reading,
who voted for £. 40.

To *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General for this Colony, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Samuel Smith*, and *Stephen Skinner*, Esquires, Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds, per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *William Franklin*, Esq; the Sum of *Two Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, in full for his Salary from the 25th Day of *February* last, the Time he took upon him the Administration of Government, until the 21st Day of this Instant *May*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *William Franklin*, Esq; *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for House Rent, provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of *Oyer and Terminer*, in the Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time. To which the House agreed. To

To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of the General Assembly within the Time, *Six Shillings, per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To *Abraham Clark*, jun. one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings, per Diem* : Also *Four pence*, per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer : And to said *Abraham Clark*, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Business of this Session. And to *Richard Smith*, for the said Services in four former Sessions, *Fourteen Pounds*; and to pay for a new Journal and other Expences, *One Pound Nineteen Shillings and Five-pence.* To which the House agreed.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, the Sum of *Fifty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight-pence*; and for his Salary as Judge, from the 24th of *November* last, till the Commencement of the present Support Bill, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings.* To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six-pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit; also *Fifteen Pounds* each, for their extraordinary Services. To which the House agreed.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Stevens*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Wetherill*, *John Hogbland* and *John Ogden*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six-pence per Diem.* To which the House agreed.

To *John Stevens*, Esq; to pay for a Room for the Assembly, *Twenty Shillings* per Week; and also *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for a Room, Fire-wood and Candles for the Council, during any Sitting within said Term. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That said Bill, as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Gabriel Hymer* and *John Hyler*, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock,

Tuesday, May 31, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Owners and Claimers of the Commons of *Bergen*, praying a Law for appointing Commissioners for making a Partition of said Commons, and ascertaining the Share and Proportion of each Proprietor and Claimer in said Commons; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the 21st Day of May 1763, and to end the 21st Day of May 1764, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *John Ogden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The two Petitions from Foreigners for Naturalization, were read the second Time; and the Petitioners producing a Certificate, whereby it appeared they had taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law;

Ordered,

That said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Kemble*, one of the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Lieut. Colonel *McDaniel*, setting forth, that by Orders from General *Amberst*, he embarked and sailed with the *New-Jersey* Detachment against the *Havannah*, which said Detachment having no Surgeon sent with them, the Petitioner was under Necessity of employing one, praying a Reimbursement of the Monies by him advanced for that Service; and also an Allowance to the Officers and Men of said Detachment for the Time they were detained on the Service after their Pay by Law expired; and also an Allowance of their extraordinary hard Services; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions from the Officers and Soldiers belonging to the *Jersey* Regiments, presented to the House this present Session, praying for the Continuation of their Pay till discharged, and an Allowance for Expences, Losses and Misfortunes, were all read a second Time, and referred to the Consideration of the House, when they shall have a Bill for such Purposes under Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for continuing the Pay of the late *Jersey* Regiment, until their Discharge and for defraying other incidental Charges.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *J. Ogden* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, for the Month of November, 1762, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Indians at *Brotherton*, was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That an Allowance of £. 106, be provided for said Indians, in the contingent Bill; towards discharging their Debts contracted for building a Mill, &c. The

The Petition of *Aaron Miller*, for a Bounty for Inventing a new constructed Compass for running Land to greater Exactness than formerly; was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed to said *Miller*, for his extraordinary Invention in forming the above-said Compass; and that the same be inserted in the contingent Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, for the Month of November, 1762, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Fisher, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright, and others*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Owners and Claimers of the Commons of *Bergen*, for a Partition of the same, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided publick Notice of the Application, and this Order, be published in some one of the *New-York Gazettes* at least six Weeks before said Sitting of Assembly, and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

Resolved,

That if the Facts now alledged to this House, shall appear on a Hearing of all the Parties concerned, to be true, and any Waste should be made, or Damages done to the said Commons, by Persons having no lawful Right, before the Determination of the Matter; that the Law then to be passed shall provide for all the said Waste or Damages, to be made good by the Parties committing the same.

His Excellency's Message, relating to the Settlement of the Line between this Province and *New-York*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That *Mr. John Lawrence* and *Mr. John Ogden*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in his Excellency's said Message.

Mr. John Lawrence accordingly brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New-York, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Reading, according to a former Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Track or Width of Waggon or Land Carriages, in the Province of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 1, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Deptford*, in the County of *Gloucester*; praying, for the Reasons therein given, that a Road may be laid out from *Little Timber Creek Bridge* to *Cooper's Ferry*, across *Newton Creek*, with a Bridge or Dam erected across the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New-York, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Dey*.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joseph Huppel*, and *John Snyder*, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read; and a Certificate being produced to the House, whereby it appeared that the said Petitioners have taken the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration enjoined by Law.

Ordered,

That said Petitioners be inserted in the Bill for naturalizing Foreigners, now before the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Jacob Albright and others*, was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants living near, or adjoining *Rariton River*, against the Petition of *Joseph French* and *John* and *Peter Van Voorbees*, for having Leave to obstruct the Stream and Navigation of said *Rariton River*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions, for laying a Road over *Newton Creek*, to *Coopers Ferry*; were all read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the above Purpose, at the next Session of Assembly, provided publick Notice of their Application, and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least six Weeks before the said Session; and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

The several Petitions for and against erecting Dams on *Rariton River*; were all read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Letter of *Edward Antill*, Esq; relating to the Abuses of Taverns; also the Petition from *Cumberland*, praying for a Law to prohibit strong Drink at Vendues; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill at next Session, for remedying the Inconveniencies complained of, and to enforce the Laws for suppressing Immorality.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Track or Width of Waggon or Land Carriages, &c.* was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned till Two, P. M.

The House met,

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Owners of the Marshes and Meadows lying on the North side of *Rariton* River, complaining of the great Damages they frequently sustain in their Meadows, by Persons suffering Cattle to run at large; praying Leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining Ditches, Bridges and Fences, for the Preservation of said Meadows; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright, Daniel Dorn, Nicholas Angle, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Anderson* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Anderson* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Kemble*, Speaker of the Council.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, &c.* reported the said Bill without any Amendments; which said Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock.

Thursday, June 2, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, by Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, to the Indemnification of this Province from any Expence in Relation to running the Line between New-Jersey and New-York;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Owners of a large Tract of Bog Meadows, in the Township of *Roxbury*, in the County of *Morris*; praying an Act to empower the Petitioners to cut a Ditch or Drain through the same, for the more effectual carrying off the Water; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Phenix*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that there remains unpaid for Necessaries provided for *Derrick Wortman, jun.* a poor disabled Soldier who lately dyed, the Sum of £. 9-6-6. Money at *Eight Shillings* per Ounce; praying Relief therein; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, &c.* was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, &c.* was read, and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line, between this Colony and the Colony of New-York, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

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Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Reading*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Doughty*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *Reading*, do carry the above Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Reading* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was read, and some Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, had waited upon his Excellency with the Message with them entrusted, who was pleased to say, he should send for the House about five o'Clock this Afternoon.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Bergen*, against the passing a Law for making a Causeway and Bridges along a certain drowned Meadow nigh *Muniquim* and *Hackinsack* Court-House, which was formerly petitioned for; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *Newark* and *Morris-Town*, for Leave to lay out a Road and establish Ferries across *Passaick* and *Hackinsack* Rivers, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for laying out said Road, at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided publick Notice of their Application, and this Order, be inserted in the *New-York Gazette*, at least six Weeks before said Sitting, and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter he had received from Col. *Napier*, Director of the Hospitals, requesting a Reimbursement of the Expence attending the fitting up the Barracks at *Elizabeth Town* for a Hospital; which was read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government*, &c. also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*, without any Amendments.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency : Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address, in the Words following.

To his Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of said Province, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to congratulate your Excellency, on your Appointment to, and safe Arrival in this Government.

UNDER the Disappointment of so unexpectedly and suddenly parting with an Administration, that in Governor Hardy was disinterested, candid and benevolent ; it is a Matter of great Satisfaction, to behold in your Excellency a Successor, from whose Knowledge of our Circumstances, and kind Approbation of our Conduct hitherto, we have Reason to hope for a Continuation of every domestic and publick Happiness, in the Power of a Governor to bestow, consistent with the Trust reposed in him ; and no other we presume will be looked for : Nor will any Endeavours of ours be wanting, to render your Administration easy and happy. We acknowledge the Instance of Regard shewn to our private Affairs, in postponing the Meeting of the House to a Time of general Convenience ; and having now the Pleasure of receiving your Excellency's Congratulations on the two Important Events, the Birth of the Prince, and the Establishment of Peace, most heartily join in the Joy they occasion.

THE general Advantages of the Peace, are entirely to our Satisfaction ; we believe beyond Example glorious ; and when we consider the Difficulties attending the Neighbourhood of Canada, and its Dependencies, the Terrors of their repeated Inroads and Encroachments from the beginning ; but above all, the Alarming Savage Cruelties ; we find ourselves unable to be sufficiently thankful for the Superintendency of that Part, which being so near us, falls more immediately within our own Observation ; and are at a Loss, which under Providence, most to admire ; the Wisdom that planned, the Power that executed, or Firmness that retained a Conquest of such immense National Value, and which to us on the Continent, also smooths the Hardships of a Country, in a great part Wilderness ; and amidst the Struggles of heavy Debts, and a new Settlement, gives the cheering Hope of future Tranquility : Ages to come, will rejoice in the Happy Event ; and we trust the Recompence to our Mother Country, will prove unfailing Returns of Wealth and Gratitude, in a Manner not now easily foreseen.

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CONSIDERING the present Expence of living, we have augmented the Support of Government.

SUCH new Laws as were immediately wanted, have now been gone into; others no doubt; for the Improvement of Roads, Creeks and Rivers, and the Promotion of Commerce, may be wanted, and at proper Times will not fail to engage our Attention, and we thank your Excellency for mentioning them to us, and the Assurances you have been pleased to give us concerning them.

By Order of the House,

June 2, 1763.

ROBERT OGDEN,
Speaker.

To which Address, his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

IT affords me great Pleasure, to find that his Majesty's Appointment of me to this Government, is so much to your Satisfaction:

I return you many Thanks for your kind Congratulations; and do assure you, that whatever you have granted for the Support of Government, shall, so far as relates to myself, be made Use of for the Honour and Credit of the Province.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eight o'Clock.

Friday, June 3, 1763.

The House met.

The Petition of *Ezekiel Forman*, praying a Law to indemnify him in the Purchase he made of a Prize Ticket, in *Peter Gordon's* first Lottery: was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in for that Purpose, and to amend and explain a former Law of this Colony, for Vacating said *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, at the next Sitting of General Assembly; provided no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

The several Petitions from Prisoners confined for Debt, praying for an Insolvent Act, were all read the second Time.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Smith* and *Mr. J. Lawrence*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, at the next Sitting of Assembly.

It appearing to this House, that the Hon. *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; attended the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in the County of *Essex*, in *October* and *November* last, beyond the customary Time of holding the same, occasioned by the Multiplicity of Business at said Court.

Resolved,

That this House will, at a proper Season, make an Allowance to *Mr. Nevill* for his said extraordinary Service.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

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the New-Jersey Regiment, 1761.

To the Amount of Col. <i>Hunt's</i> Company, as per Vouchers. - - - - -	£. 1503-14-11	1761, By Cash received of <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treasurer. - -	2518-15-0
To the Amount of Major <i>McDaniel's</i> Do. as per Do. - - - - -	1532-07-06	29. By Do. received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer. - -	3000-00-0
To the Amount of Capt. <i>Coryell's</i> Do. as per Do. - - - - -	1048-09-02	Octo. 30. By Cash received of <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treasurer. - -	2173-15-0
To the Amount of Capt. <i>Dayton's</i> Do. as per Do. - - - - -	1442-15-05	1762, By Cash received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer. - -	270-00-0
To the Amount of Capt. <i>Tenbrook's</i> Do. as per Do. - - - - -	1191-07-04		
To the Amount of Capt. <i>Hunt's</i> Do. as per Do. - - - - -	1107-18-06	By 68 Men which does not appear by Vouchers to have been paid, but is hereafter to be allowed at such Time as Mr. <i>Blanchard</i> shall produce proper Vouchers, - - - - -	7962-10-0
To Sundries bought for the Regiment, as per Vouchers. - - - - -	3-13-09		85-12-4
	7830-06-07		
To the Paymaster's Commissions at 2 per Cent. - - - - -	156-11-02		
Balance due to the Province. - - - - -	61-04-07		
	£. 8048-02-04		£. 8048-02-4

We the Subscribers have examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.

June 1, 1763.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN HART.
GEORGE READING.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee on Accounts, made the the following Report:
To which the House agreed.

Dr. { *The Province of New-Jersey, with Hendrick Fisher, Esq;* } Contra Cr.
Commissioner for settling Billeting of Soldiers.

To Cash paid for Billeting Soldiers as appears by fundry Vouchers. - - - - -	£. 200-18-8½	1761, By Cash received from <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treasurer - - - - -	£. 181-5-0
To Commissions allowed at 5 per Cent. - - - - -	10-01-0	Feb. 19, By Cash received from ditto. - - - - -	29-0-0
To the Balance due to the Province. - - - - -	20-05-3½	April 3, By Cash received from ditto. - - - - -	21-0-0
	£. 231-05-0	Aug. 29, By Cash received from ditto. - - - - -	231-5-0

We the Committee for settling of publick Accounts, upon examining Vouchers relative to the above Accounts, do find that Hendrick Fisher, Esq; is indebted unto the Province of New-Jersey, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, five Shillings and three Pence Half-penny, as Witnefs our Hands this Third Day of June, 1763.

GEORGE READING,
JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN HART.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee on Accounts, made the following Reports:
To which the House agreed.

Dr. { *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with Robert Ogden, Esq; as Barrack Master, and Commissioner for Billeting Soldiers.* } Contra Cr.

1763, To Sundries expended, as per Account and
June 2, Vouchers with Commissions, &c. £. 300-17-2½
To Cash paid Phebe Locker, for Attendance
and Necessaries for a sick Soldier, &c. - - 3-04-4

£. 304-01-6½

1760.

Dec. 3. By Cash from Treasurer Smith, - £. 150-0-0

1762.

Sept. 1, By ditto from ditto. - - - - 150-0-0
By Ballance due to Mr. Ogden. - - - 4-1-6½

304-1-6½

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee appointed to settle the publick Accounts, do certify, that we have examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relating thereto, and find a Ballance of Four Pounds one Shilling and six Pence half Penny, Proc. Money due to Robert Ogden, Esq; as Witnefs our Hands, June 2, 1763.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
GEORGE READING.

Dr. { *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with Samuel Sarjant, Esq; as Barrack Master, and one of the Commissioners for Billeting Soldiers.* } Contra Cr.

To Sundries expended as per Accounts and
Vouchers to March. 17, 1763. - - £. 129-2-1½

129-2-1½

By Cash received of Treasurer Johnson and Thomas
Skinner, and Embezzlements, Wood, &c. £. 126-2-1
Ballance due to Mr. Sarjant. - - - - 3-0-0½

129-2-1½

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, do certify, that we have examined the Vouchers relating to the foregoing Account, and find a Ballance of Three Pounds and a half Penny, due to said Samuel Sarjant from the Province, Witnefs our Hands, June 3, 1763.

JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
GEORGE READING.

Dr. { *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with Cornelius Hetfield, Esq; as Barrack Master and Commissioner to pay for Billeting Soldiers.* } Contra Cr.

1763. To Sundries expended and paid, as per Ac-
June 2, count, and Vouchers for the same, with
Commissions on the same. - £. 438-09-10
To the Ballance. - - - - 61-10-02

£. 500-00-00

1761. By Cash per Andrew Johnson, Esq; - £. 300-0-0

1762. By Cash of Stephen Skinner, Esq; - - 200-0-0

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£. 500-0-0

We the Committee for settling the publick Accounts, do certify, that we have examined the above Account with the Vouchers relating thereto, and find a Ballance of Sixty-one Pounds, Ten Shillings and Two Pence, due from the above-named Cornelius Hetfield, to the Province of New-Jersey, as Witnefs our Hands this Second Day of June, 1763.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
GEORGE READING.

Dr.

Dr. { *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with Thomas Skinner,*
jun. as Barrack Master, from the 4th of December 1760, to
the 16th of March 1763, inclusive. } Contra Cr.

To Sundries expended as per Vouchers and Account	By Cash received of Treasurers <i>Johnston</i> and
rendered in Proc. Money. - - - £. 551-11-3	<i>Skinner.</i> - - - - - £. 590-17-4
Ballance due - - - - - 39-06-1	
	£. 590-17-4
<u>£. 590-17-4</u>	<u>£. 590-17-4</u>

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, do report, that we have examined the Vouchers relating to the foregoing Account, and find a Ballance of Thirty-nine Pounds, six Shillings and One Penny, Proc. Money, due to the Province, as Witnesses our Hands, June 3, 1763.

JOHN LAWRENCE,
 JOHN HART,
 GEORGE READING.

The Petition from the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on the North side of *Rariton* River, praying a Law for making Ditches, Bridges and Fences, for the Preservation of said Meadows; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid, at the next Sitting of Assembly; provided publick Notice of their Application, and this Order, be given at least Six Weeks before said Sitting, and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

The Petition of the Owners of a Tract of Bog Meadow at *Roxbury*, in the County of *Morris*, for an Act to ditch and drain the same; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided they give publick Notice as above, and no reasonable Objections then appear against the same.

The Petition from *John Phenix*, for an Allowance for Necessaries provided for *Derrick Wortman*, a Soldier in his Sickness; was read the second Time, and referred to the Commissioners appointed for settling and adjusting the Claims of Persons against the Colony.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, &c.* And also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, &c.* Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division, &c.* And also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright and others*, without any Amendments.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondence, do write to the Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, acquainting him with the Contents of the Law passed this Session, for settling the Division Line between this Colony and the Colony of *New-York*, in order that he may be apprized thereof, and give the Agents for that Purpose therein appointed, all the Assistance in his Power, that may be found necessary.

Mr. *Smith* had Leave to be absent on an extraordinary Occasion.

The House adjourned till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourned till Four, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

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That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Miller* do wait on the Council, and desire to know, if they have any Business before them; if not, inform them, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency to pass the Bills, and dismiss the House.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself had waited upon the Council with the Message of the House; who say, they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *J. Ogden*, do wait upon his Excellency, and desire him to pass the Bills now before him, and dismiss the House.

The House adjourned for Half an Hour.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *John Ogden* and himself had waited upon his Excellency; who was pleased to say, he should be in the Council-Chamber about Six o'Clock, and would then send for the House.

John Stevens, Esq; informed the House, that he had received his Excellency's Summons, calling him to the Upper House, agreeable to his Majesty's Royal Instructions; and that he should immediately take his Seat in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for electing a Representative to serve in General Assembly, for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, in the Room of the said *John Stevens*, Esq;

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the 21st Day of May, 1763, and to end the 21st Day of May, 1764; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

2. *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, for the Month of November, 1762; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

3. *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line, between this Colony and the Colony of New-York, to such a Method of Decision as his most Gracious Majesty shall think proper, by his Royal Commission, or otherwise, to appoint.*

4. *An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province, from any Expence in running the Line between New-Jersey and New-York.*

5. *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey.*

6. *An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright, Daniel Dorn, Nicholas Angle, Benedict Yare, Johannes Vos, Gabriel Hymer, Johannes Heyler, Cornelius Ferberg, Joseph Huppell and John Snyder.*

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His Excellency then made the following Speech.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ **T**HE Harmony and Dispatch with which you have gone through the
 ‘ Business of this Session, is extremely commendable. I have now
 ‘ only to recommend to you, to promote in your several Counties, such Prin-
 ‘ ciples and Dispositions as may be most conducive to the Interest and Happiness
 ‘ of the People.

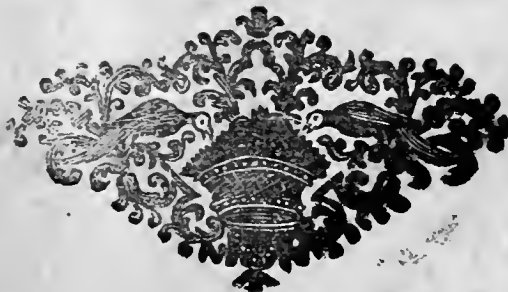
‘ I do by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me given, prorogue this
 ‘ General Assembly, to meet at *Burlington*, on *Tuesday* the fifth Day of *July*
 ‘ next, and you are accordingly prorogued.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
 appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print
 these Votes.

ROBERT OGDEN,

Speaker.



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At a SESSION of the General ASSEMBLY, began
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BURLINGTON, TUESDAY, November

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow o'Clock.

at Assembly;
Nine

Wednesday, November 16, 17

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, do acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members are present, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

His Excellency, and
Business are met,

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Lawrence* and himself, had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in about an Hour.

Edward Keasbey, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly, for the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, in the Room and Stead of *William Hancock*, Esq; late deceased, attending, was admitted into the House, and duly qualified, before the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; thereto authorized, by *Dedimus potestatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasbey*, do take his Seat in the House.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows, viz.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;

BY the Papers which I shall order to be laid before you, you will find that, since your last Sessions, the Indians have commenced fresh Hostilities against the English, and even extended their Incursions to the Borders of this Province. Soon after the first Intelligence of their Depredations on the Frontiers of the neighbouring Governments, I directed the Commanding Officer of the Militia in *Suffex*, being the County most exposed, to have his Regiment fitted for Service, so that he might either march the Whole, or send Detachments, to any Part that should be attacked, or in

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' Danger : He was likewise ordered, in Case of Necessity, to call upon the
 ' Militia of the other Counties for Assistance. Accordingly, when the Indians
 ' had begun to ravage the adjacent Part of *Pennsylvania*, he sent a Detach-
 ' ment to occupy the several Posts which had been fortified on our Frontier
 ' during the late War. But as a Party of the Enemy did notwithstanding
 ' come over, and destroy some of the Settlers within the Limits of this
 ' Province; and as the rest of the Inhabitants of that County were thereby
 ' greatly alarmed, and apprehensive of Danger; I ordered Ninety Men from
 ' the Militia of *Morris* County to their Relief: And soon after, by the Advice
 ' of the C reinforced them with Forty-five Men from the Regiment
 ' of *Some*. rected the Fortifications at the several Posts to be repaired.
 ' Had not e been granted, there is great Reason to believe the
 ' Inhabitants ve abandoned their Settlements, and that Part of the
 ' Country rely depopulated, the Consequences of which are too
 ' obvious.----I have also empowered *Jonathan Hampton*,
 ' Esq. a which are now, or may hereafter be sent up to
 ' the F ons, and other Necessaries. Both he, and they,
 ' place e Honour and Justice of the Legislature of this
 ' Province, et with a proper Compensation for their Services.

' AFTER am far from thinking that even if the whole
 ' Militia of the e sent to our Borders, they would be sufficient to
 ' secure effectually so extended a Frontier against the Inroads of Savages. A
 ' skulking Party of them will always have it in their Power, notwithstanding
 ' all our Care, to steal in unperceived, commit their Outrages, and retire with
 ' Impunity. Would you keep the War from your own Country, there is
 ' no Way so effectual as to carry it into that of the Enemy. By acting on
 ' the Defensive only, you give them almost every Advantage they could desire.
 ' They may uninterrupted assemble together from distant Quarters, settle their
 ' Plans of Operation, and take their own Time for carrying them into Execu-
 ' tion. But if we were to send Parties of Rangers into their Country, to cut
 ' off the Communication between their several Places of Residence, surprize
 ' them in their Hunting and Fishing, destroy their Corn Fields, bring off
 ' their Women and Children, and burn their Habitations, we should, in a
 ' little Time, be able to oblige them to accept whatever Terms we might think
 ' proper to dictate. In short, if we would fight them in their own Way, we
 ' should find that an Indian War would soon be stripped of all its Terrors:
 ' And this, were the Colonies united in their Measures, would be a Matter of
 ' no Difficulty, as we could then with Ease furnish ten Parties for one that
 ' could be furnished by the Enemy.

' These having been long my Sentiments with regard to the Method of
 ' conducting a War against Indians, it affords me particular Pleasure to have it
 ' now in my Power to lay before you a Plan of Sir *JEFFERY AMHERST*'s, for
 ' putting in Execution such *offensive Operations* as may be most effectual for
 ' reducing the Savages, and securing Peace and Quiet to the English Settlements
 ' hereafter." ' For this desirable Purpose, the General makes a Requisition
 ' of Six Hundred Men, to be raised, clothed, and paid by this Province:
 ' Arms, Tents, and Provisions he undertakes to supply on the Part of the
 ' Crown. They, with the Troops that are to be raised in *New-York*, and such
 ' Regulars as can be collected, are to be employed in punishing the Savages to
 ' the Northward, while the Forces raised in the Southern Colonies are carrying
 ' on their Operations against the Enemy in that Quarter.---

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' The Plan proposed, *Gentlemen*, appears extremely judicious, and will probably, if well executed, be productive of the most salutary Effects. It will too, I am convinced, be a considerable Saving to the Province: For the frequent taking the Inhabitants from their several Employments, marching them to the Frontiers, and maintaining them while there, is attended not only with a great Expence to the Publick, but a heavy Loss to Individuals, who being many of them Masters of Families, their private Affairs must suffer greatly in their Absence.

' Although the People of this Province have had but very little, if any, Commerce with Indians, yet I think it adviseable, on the present Occasion, that a Law should be passed forthwith, for making it highly necessary to supply them with any military Stores whatever.

' I have but little more, *Gentlemen*, to add on this Head. I must be as fully convinced as myself, that unless during the present War these Barbarians feel very sensibly the Weight of our Resistance, we may hereafter conclude with them, will be but of little avail. Their seizing upon the Effects, and massacring the Persons who came among them, upon their own Invitation; and, in cold Blood, the Garrisons who had surrendered on Promise of Mercy and Protection; and their butchering Women and Children, even Persons who had done them signal Favours; are such strong Instances of their Breach of Faith, Treachery, and Inhumanity, that they no longer deserve to be considered as in the Scale of human Beings, or indeed upon a Level with the ravenous Beasts of the Wilderness.

' The Company in the Pay of this Province, which has been long stationed at *Niagara*, is, as you will see by the Papers communicated to you, greatly reduced. Part of them are now on their Return to the Province, and the General has promised to discharge the Remainder as soon as the Service will admit of it. Some additional Provision there will be a Necessity of making on their Account.

' The Re-enacting (and amending, if requisite) the Law for regulating the Militia, is another Matter that I must recommend to your Consideration.

' *Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

' As I form my Expectations of your future from your past Conduct, I cannot admit of a Doubt that you will most cheerfully raise the Supplies now required.---It would I assure you, be with Reluctance that I should consent to lay any additional Taxes on a People, who have borne so large a Share of the Burthen of the late War, did I not know that their immediate Preservation made it a Matter of Necessity.

' *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

' You will, perhaps, when you have gone through the several Matters I have now recommended to you, think it a convenient Season for engaging in the other Business of the Province. If this should be the Case, you may depend on finding me ready to co-operate with you in whatever may be necessary for the Publick Service.'

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

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The House met.

Cortland Skinner and *John Johnston*, Esquires, being returned Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, in the Room and Stead of *John Stevens* and *Andrew Smyth*, Esquires; and now attending, were admitted into the House, and duly qualified before the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; thereto authorized by *Dedimus potestatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Johnston*, do take their Seats in the House.

His E. y's Speech was read the second Time, and all the Papers sent therewith were also and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition presented to the House from *Joseph Catbcart* and *Samuel Goodenough*, Prisoners in *Monmouth* Gaol, setting forth their distressed Circumstances, and praying for Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition presented to the House, and read, from 49 Inhabitants of *Sussex* County, setting forth their Danger and Distress on account of the Indians; and praying from the Legislature such Relief in the matter as may be thought proper.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Vail*, jun. a poor Prisoner for Debt in *Amboy* Gaol; informing the House of his unfortunate Circumstances, and utter Inability to satisfy his Creditors, and praying Relief from his Confinement, in such Manner as the House in their Wisdom shall think just and expedient; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial was presented to the House, and read, from *William Onke*, of the City of *New-Brunswick*, relating the Manner and Reasons of his engaging as a Manager of *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, and why he thought himself discharged from that Trust; and setting forth, that he observes on the Votes of the House, that a Bill is to be brought in at this Sitting of Assembly, to amend and explain the former Law for vacating said *Peter Gordon's* Lottery; and praying, that by said Bill he the Memorialist may be prevented from suffering any Injury, or by any Means be unjustly called in question, touching or concerning the said *Peter Gordon's* Lottery.

Ordered,

That said Memorial be read a second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Christopher Beekman*, of the Township of *Tewksbury*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, importing, that the Petitioner is possessed in Fee of 335 Acres of Land, situate in *Tewksbury* aforesaid, and that till of late he was in easy Circumstances; but unfortunately in the Year 1759 (on the Encouragement and fair Promises of a Person of affluent Fortune to be concerned, who afterwards fell off and deceived him;) he was induced to erect a Forge on the Premises; which run him much in Debt; by Reason whereof, together with another heavy Misfortune which succeeded in *March* last, when his Barn was burnt, wherein was a Quantity of Hay, and other Things of Value entirely consumed, and also some Horses perished in the Flames, the Petitioner is so much reduced, that he has but one Prospect left to relieve him out of his Difficulties; which is, by praying the House, and the other Branches of the Legislature, to grant him Liberty by Law to erect a Lottery for the Sale of his said Land, and a Lot of Land lying in *Brunswick*; as he has made several Attempts to dispose of his Estate at publick and private Sale, but could not effect it; and a Certificate from a Number of his Neighbours, of the Truth of the Facts set forth by him, was also presented; which Petition and Certificate were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Five Petitions were presented to the House, from the County of *Cape-May*; the First from the Justices and Freeholders; the Second from the chosen Freeholders; and the Third, Fourth and Fifth, from the Upper, Middle and Lower Precincts; all setting forth, that the Court-House and Gaol of said County are not only too small, much out of Repair, but likewise not commodiously situated; and craving to be enabled by Law, to erect in Lieu thereof another Court House and Gaol upon such Part of the Plantation of *Daniel Hand*, of the Middle Precinct, near his Dwelling-House there, as he the said *Daniel*, and the Justices and Freeholders shall agree upon, as being a more central Part of the County than where the present decayed and incommodious Court House and Gaol now stand; which Petitions were read, and ordered second Readings.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morn

Thursday, November 17, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. Treasurer *Smith* laid before the House, several Letters received from *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; the other Treasurer; which with the same were referred to the Committee of the whole House on the next day in open speech.

Mr. *Reading*, in Behalf of the Owners of a Tract of Land at *Roxbury*, in the County of *Morris*, according to the Leave granted last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black River, in the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, to drain the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed last Session for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition presented to the House last Session, from *John Reeker*, was read the first Time, setting forth, That in the Year 1761, he enlisted himself a Soldier under Col. *Hunt*; that being taken sick at *Fort Schuyler*, he was sent to the Hospital, and being discharged from thence before recovered, met with a Relapse; he was then taken Care of by a charitable Woman, for which he could raise no Money to make Restitution otherwise than by indenting himself a Servant to Col. *Hunt* for three Years, altho' all the Money he wanted for the above Purpose was no more than Five Pounds more than due to him from said *Hunt* for Wages: That the next Year he went on another Campaign with said Col. *Hunt*, upon his Promise to discharge him from his Indenture at the End of the Campaign: That said *Hunt* notwithstanding sold the Petitioner to a Suttler at *Oswego*, and continued to receive his Wages, as he before had his Bounty: That the Suttler sold the Petitioner to Lieut. *Shute*, to whom (in order to induce him to make the Purchase, that the Petitioner might once more return to *New-Jersey*;) he gave a new Indenture for four Years; since which he hath been sold for upwards of Thirty Pounds, and still remains under Servitude, having a Wife and Family in needy Circumstances; and complaining of other Grievances; praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered,

That said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, appointed Pay-master to the *New-Jersey* Regiment for the Month of *November*, 1760, now laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Welberill*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Keasbey*, or any three of them, be a Committee to settle the said Account, and all other publick Accounts which may come before the House this Session.

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Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters he had received from the Agent; which were read.

Several Petitions were presented to the House, and read, from these several Prisoners for Debt following, to wit, from *Christopher Myers*, *Edward Erwin*, and *Daniel Weast*, Prisoners in *Burlington Gaol*; from *Israel Pancoast*, in the same Gaol; from *Hugh Gordon*, *Thomas Moffit* and *Johannes Piglin*, Prisoners in *Milstone Gaol*; from *George Anderson*, *Thomas Hamilton*, *Joseph Wilcox* and *William Fleming*, Prisoners in *Suffex Gaol*; and from *Phillip Beainer*, *Andrew Chidester* and *Joshua Douglass*, confined in *Morris Gaol*; all relating their distressed Circumstances, and praying an Insolvent Act.

That said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition presented to the House, from *Peter Perrine* and *Robert Stockton*, both of the County of *Somerset*, Assignees of an Insolvent Debtor, observing, That by the Votes of the House, a Petition was presented from *Ezekiel Forman*, relating to the Drawing of a Ticket in *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, and the Passing a Law to vacate said Lottery, and praying Relief; and further observing, that by the same Votes, that a Bill was ordered to be brought in for explaining and amending the said Law, at the next Session, provided no reasonable Objections should be made thereto; and that the said *Forman's* Prayer ought not to be granted; and the said Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Samuel Frewer*, of *Milstone*, in the County of *Somerset*, setting forth, That by the Votes of last Session it appears, that a Petition was then presented by *Ezekiel Forman*, of the County of *Middlesex*, relating, that some Time after the Drawing of *Peter Gordon's* first Lottery, he the said *Forman* purchased a Ticket in said Lottery, at a publick Vendue for the Sale of the Effects of an Insolvent Debtor; for which Ticket, as it had then drawn a valuable Prize in Land, the said *Forman* gave £200: That some Time after the Purchase of said Ticket, the Legislature of this Province passed a Law, vacating said Lottery; by which Means the said *Forman* expected that he was acquitted from paying the Money for the Purchase of said Ticket; notwithstanding which, he is called upon for said Money, and threatened with a Prosecution for the same; and praying a Relief in the Premises; upon which a Bill was ordered to be brought in for that Purpose, and to amend and explain a former Law, for vacating said *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, at the next Sitting of Assembly; provided no reasonable Objections then appeared against the same: And further setting forth, that the present Petitioner was jointly with the said Insolvent Debtor possessed of the Property of said Ticket; and offering divers Reasons why the Prayer of said *Forman's* Petition ought not to be granted; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters he had received from the Agent; which were read.

The House adjourn'd for a Quarter of an Hour.

The House met.

Six Petitions were presented to the House, and read, from *Allen-Town* and *Upper-Freehold*, *Mansfield*, *Nottingham*, *Chesterfield*, *New-Windsor* and *Lower-Freehold*, and Parts adjacent, setting forth, their Objections against a Law for building a Bridge over *Crosswicks Creek*; at *Watson's Ferry*; and the Petitions for the said Law heretofore presented, were also read; and the Parties for and against the Building of the said Bridge attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard; and the Consideration thereof is referred till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, 9 o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, November 18, 1763.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions for and against a Law for building a Bridge over *Crosswicks* Creek, at *Watson's Ferry*; and on the Question, Whether the Petitioners for the said Law have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,

YEAS.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leasbey,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hogbland,

NAYS.

Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,

Ordered,
That Mr. Borden, in Behalf of the Petitioners for the Bridge, have Leave to bring in a Bill, for the building the same by Subscription.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill have Leave to bring in a Bill, to award of Arbitration to the Owners of such Parcels of Land as lay in the Eastern Division, pursuant to an Agreement entered into before this House.

Mr. Wetherill, in Pursuance of an Order of last Session, from the Committee then appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating Taverns, Ordinaries, Inn-Keepers and Retailers of strong Liquors*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter he had received from the Hon. Samuel Nevill, Esq; setting forth his great Trouble in compiling the Index to the Second Volume of Laws, and his Reasons for desiring a proper Compensation therefor; which Letter was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions of Samuel Brewer, Peter Perrine and Robert Stockton, and the Memorial of William Ouke, relating to Peter Gordon's Lottery, were read the second Time; and the Petition of Ezekiel Forman, presented last Session, was also read.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions and Memorial be referred to further Consideration.

The Petition of Christopher Beekman, of Tewksbury, in the County of Hunterdon, praying a Law for a Lottery to sell his Lands; and the Certificate of his Neighbours respecting the Truth of the Facts set forth in his Petition; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That said Petition do lie on the Table.

Resolved,

That this House will not countenance Lotteries of a private Nature.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black-River, in the Township of Roxbury, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Hart.

The House adjourn'd till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday,

Saturday, November 19, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Johannes Kank, John Dellar, George Kester and George Hymns*, all of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth, that they are Foreigners born in *Germany*, under the Allegiance of Foreign Powers in Amity with *Great-Britain*, but are now settled in the County of *Monmouth*, in this Province, and are very desirous of enjoying the Privileges of other the King's Subjects; and praying an Act to naturalize them; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition presented to the House, from a Number of the Frontier Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth their great Danger and Distress on Account of the Incursions of the Indians; praying to be relieved in their Duty by Men from the lower Parts of the Province; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Governor's Speech.

The Petition of the nine of the Frontier Inhabitants of *Suffex*, representing their Danger and Distress on Account of the Incursions of the Indians, was read the second Time; and referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Borden*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted by the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, on the Road leading from Bordentown to Trenton*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

On a Motion made,
Ordered,

That the Petitioners for Leave to bring in a Bill, for laying a Road over *Newtown Creek* to *Cooper's Ferries*, in Pursuance of a former Order of the House, have Leave to bring in said Bill on *Wednesday* next, if it appears, that publick Notice of this Order be in the mean Time given to *William Hugg*, and others, concerned in said Road, and they do not then oppose the same.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, November 21, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Gieson*, in Behalf of the Owners and Claimers of the Commons of *Bergen*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen; and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions, among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted on *Friday* last, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying in the Township of New-Windsor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, to keep open a certain Ditch or Water-Course, which passeth through the Land now claimed by James Clark*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act passed in the twelfth Year of George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating Taverns, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Smith, Mr. Reading, Mr. Richard Lawrence and Mr. Skinner.

The Petition of *John Recker*, complaining of the Conduct of Col. *Hunt*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Parties do attend the House, this Afternoon, at Three of the Clock ; and that the Door-keeper do serve them with a Copy of this Order.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Poy.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hart, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Anderson be a Committee, to bring in a Bill, to revive and amend an Act, entitled, *A Statute, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season Guns, and hunting by Persons not qualified ;* and also to amend the said Act, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony* against carrying of

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*; setting forth, that two former Petitions presented by them, in Conjunction with the Inhabitants of the adjacent Township of *Greenwich*, they represented the Necessity of a publick Road and Ferry over *Cobanzey Creek*, from *Mark Reeves's*, in *Fairfield*, to the Town of *Greenwich*; and that having been informed by *Ebenezer Miller, Esq*; that the House had appointed him to bring in a Bill upon that Head; at his Request, the Justices and Town Officers of said Townships did meet together, to affix upon the Place where the said Road should go; at which Meeting it was proposed, by the present Petitioners, that they at their own Expence would make and maintain the said Road, if they the Inhabitants of *Greenwich*, would agree to have it laid on the West Side of *Cobanzey Creek*; which was rejected; that then they proposed to leave the Determination of the Affair to one indifferent Person; to which all agreed; a Person was nominated and agreed upon, a Copy of which Agreement they send herewith; to which Agreement, they the Inhabitants of *Greenwich*, have since refused to stand; and setting forth, that if the Inhabitants of *Greenwich* will make and maintain the Whole of the Road, upon the East Side of said Creek, where they contend to have it, they the Petitioners are willing; and praying the House to pass such an Act, as they in their Wisdom shall judge best; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Sixty of the Inhabitants of *Cape-May*, representing, that a Report prevails there, that a Petition is to be laid before the House, to procure a Law to erect a Court-house at *Daniel Hand's*; and offering divers Reasons why the Prayer of that Petition ought not to be granted; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from *Johannes Kank*, and other Foreigners, praying an Act for their Naturalization, was read the second Time; and a Certificate was produced from the Honourable *Charles Read, Esq*; of their having taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and made and subscribed the Declaration by Law appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Lawrence* and Mr. *Anderson* have Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

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According to the Order of the House of this Morning, Col. *Hunt* and *John Reeker* attending, were called in, and their several Allegations fully heard.

Ordered,

That the Petition of the said *Reeker* do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Dey* do examine the Muster-Rolls of the Year 1761, and report to the House, whether they find the Name of *John Reeker* entered as a Person in the Pay of the Province after the 25th August, 1761.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen, &c.* was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Dey*.

On a Motion, *de,*

Ordered,

That such of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, as may have anything to lay before this House, relating to the ascertaining the Line between the Counties, do attend on *Thursday* next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

A Petition was presented to the House, from 113 of the Inhabitants of *Cape-May*, setting forth, that in that County for Season there are only two Sorts of Fish, that resort to that County in any considerable Quantities, namely, Sheephead and Blue-fish, and they not in such Numbers as to afford an extensive Fishery for Exportation, without diminishing and driving them from their accessible Haunts; and that the Petitioners understand a Scheme is on Foot, for driving a large Fishery at that Place; which will, in a few Years, so diminish the Quantities of the Fish, that the Freeholders will not be able to furnish their Tables with that necessary and delicious Repast; and praying a Law to prevent the Exportation of Fish from the County of *Cape-May* by Water; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 22, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted Yesterday, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Johannes Kank, John Dellar, George Kessler and George Himms*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black-River, in the Township of Roxbury, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

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The Petition from the Township of *Fairfield*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Road and Ferry over *Cobanzey Creek*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Resolved,

That if the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Fairfield* and *Greenwich*, shall agree to leave the Settlement of the Matter in Difference, to the Freeholders to be chosen next Year, for the said Townships; and the said Freeholders shall certify their Award to the House, under their Hands; that this House will pass a Bill to confirm the said Award.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' his Excellency's Speech, and had come to sundry Resolutions; which by Leave, he reported as follows; *to wit.*

1. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

That a proper Compensation for marching the Militia to defend the Frontiers against the Incurfions of the Indians, be made. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That the Committee do not esteem it expedient at this Time to grant the Requisition of Six Hundred Men, for an *offensive Operation*; but think it more advisable to confine themselves to the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony. To which the House agreed.

4. *Resolved,*

That Two Hundred Men be granted for the Defence of the said Frontiers. To which the House agreed.

5. *Resolved,*

That for defraying the Expences thereof, there be struck the Sum of £. 10,000, in Bills of Credit, to be sunk by Tax. To which the House agreed.

6. *Resolved,*

That a Bill be brought in, to prevent the Sale of Military Stores to any Indians without Licence from the Commander in Chief of this Colony, for the Time being. To which the House agreed.

7. *Resolved,*

That a Month's Additional Pay be given to the Detachment of the *New-Jersey* Troops, lately stationed at *Niagara*. To which the House agreed.

8. *Resolved,*

That a Bill be brought in, to revive and amend the late Law for regulating the Militia of this Province. To which the House agreed.

9. *Resolved,*

That Mr. Speaker and Mr. Attorney General, or either of them, be empowered by Law, to adjust the Accounts for Subsistence of the *New-Jersey* Troops, with the commanding Officer of his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, or other proper Officer, and receive the Sum due thereon; allowing thereout to *James Napier*, Esq; Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence Sterling, as his Account against the Province, for Hospital Money to this Time; and pay the net Proceeds to one of the Treasurers of this Province; first deducting all reasonable Expences; submitting their Accounts to the House of Assembly; and that they be allowed a proper Compensation for their Trouble. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Hogbland*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to revive and amend the late Militia Law.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Keasbey*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Sale of military Stores to any Indians without License from the Commander in Chief of this Colony for the Time being.

Ordered

That Mr. *iner* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to prov for divers incidental Charges.

The Letter of the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; praying a Compensation for compiling the I the second Volume of Laws, was read the second Time; and on the Question, it be allowed for that Service? It was carried for £. 20.

Ordered,

That the same be provided for accordingly; and that £. 10, be allowed him for attending the Court and Terminer in *Essex*, in *October* and *November* 1762, according to a former tion of the House.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy; and more particularly for making Provision for the Guard and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, along the River Delaware, in the County of Sussex, and other Places adjacent, by fitting up and repairing Block-Houses, and supplying the same with such a Number of Forces as shall be thought necessary for that Purpose; and also for directing the Manner of Sinking the said Bills of Credit*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Francis Baird*, and *Thomas Carhart*, of *Somerset* County, setting forth, that they did in the Month of *May* last, petition the House, and therein they observed, that they were informed, one *Hugh Gordon*, then a Prisoner for Debt in *Somerset* Gaol, purposed to petition the House for an insolvent Act; and that because of his refusing to comply with the Offers and Proposals made to him by his Creditors, the Petitioners did then pray, that if such Act should pass, he the said *Hugh Gordon* might be exempted; and further setting forth, that about four Weeks ago, he and his Creditors made an Agreement, that he should render the one equal Half of his Wages to them; upon which he was set at Liberty, and Work for him was provided; but they the Petitioners are informed, that a few Days ago he did quit his Work, and return to the said Gaol, with Expectation to have the Benefit of an insolvent Act, in Case it should pass; and praying, that he the said *Gordon* may be exempted from the Benefit of the Act; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *George Willocks Leslie*, setting forth, that a Judgment in Partition of certain Lands in *Hunterdon*, was had in the Supreme Court, in *November* Term, in the 32d Year of his late Majesty, between the Petitioner and his four Brothers; and that since that Judgment was entered, the Petitioner and the others interested, have discovered, upon a Re-survey of the Lands, that by some Mistake, divers Parcels of Lands, to the Amount of 3 or 400 Acres, were left out of the said Partition; and specifying other Errors in the said Partition; and further setting forth, that the Petitioner and his Brothers have procured eight of the same Jurors who made the Partition, with four other Persons living near the Premises, to re-examine the said Partition, and (by the Assistance of *Benjamin Morgan* a Surveyor) to correct the Mistakes aforesaid, who, from an actual Re-survey made, have upon Oath, made an equal

equal Division among the Petitioner and his said Brothers ; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for vacating the said first Partition, and the Judgment thereon, and for confirming the last mentioned Division made of the said Lands ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 23, 1763.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Johannes Kank, John Dellar, George Kessler and George Himns*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *Daniel Smith* Surveyor General of the Western Division, setting forth, That the Safety of Proprietary Records under Care of the Memorialist, being of great Importance and the Concern of every Freeholder in the Western Division, and many other makes it highly expedient as he conceives, that a separate House should be built for their Reception; and that he having understood, that at the Time the Secretary's Office was provided for, it was the Intention of the Legislature, that such a House should also in Time be erected, emboldens him the Memorialist, to pray the same may be taken into Consideration, and such Steps pursued therein, as to the Wisdom of the Legislature shall seem meet; which Memorial was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd for Half an Hour.

The House met.

Four Petitions were presented to the House, and read, from the Townships of *Gloucester, Newton and Waterford, Greenwich and Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Gloucester*, offering their Reasons against a Bill for building a Bridge, and making a Road over *Newtown Creek*, to *Cooper's Ferries*; and three Petitions for the said Bill now presented, and two presented last Session, were also read; and in Pursuance of the Order of the House of Saturday last, the Parties for and against the said Road and Bridge attending, were called in, and their several Allegations and Proofs fully heard, and the Consideration of the Matter was referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers, &c.* was read the second Time; Paragraph by Paragraph, and amended in the House; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 24, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsack*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The two engrossed Bills, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Johannes Kaik, John Dellar, George Kessler, and George Himms*; and *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black-River, in the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, to drain the same*; were read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Reading and Mr. Anderson do carry the above Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitioners for and against a Road and Bridge over the Mouth of *Newtown Creek*, to *Cooper's Ferries*, in the County of *Gloucester*; and on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petitions for the said Road and Bridge be granted, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,

YEAS.

Mr. Dey,
Mr. Smith,
J. Lawrence,
Doughty,
Borden,
Mr. Borden,

YEAS.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

NAY.

Mr. Clement.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper, in Behalf of the Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the above Purpose.

Mr. Reading reported, that Mr. Anderson and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the Selling of Guns, Gun-Powder, or other Warlike Stores, to the Indians*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Half an Hour after Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from *George Willocks Leslie*, praying a Law for setting aside a Judgment in Partition of certain Lands in *Hunterdon*, and establishing another Division made thereof; was read the second Time, and it appearing, that publick Notice in the Papers, has been properly given of this Application, and no Objections being made against the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Reading, in Behalf of the Petitioner, have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Reading accordingly brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition, between the Sons of George Leslie, late of the City of Perth-Amboy, deceased, and to vacate the Judgment entered thereupon; and also to confirm another Partition or Division of the said Lands, lately made among the Sons of the said George Leslie, as herein after mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

In Pursuance of the Order of the House, of *Monday* last, divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, attending, were called in, and what they had to offer with respect to ascertaining the Line between the said Counties, was heard; and on the Question, Whether a Bill be brought in to ascertain the Line or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Miller and Mr. Keasbey, do bring in said Bill.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, lying in the Township of New-Windsor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Hart and Mr. Hogbland.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from the Justices and Freeholders of Cape-May, for removing the Court-House and Gaol of said County, to *Daniel Hand's*; and the several Petitions presented this Session, for and against the said Removal, were read the second Time; and divers Persons attending from Cape-May, were called in, and their Allegations heard; and on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners for the Removal, be granted or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAY.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Leaming.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Keasbey,	
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Reading,	
Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hart.	

Ordered,

That Mr. Spicer have Leave, in Behalf of the said Petitioners, to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, November 25, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, on the Road leading from Bordentown to Trenton*, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Keasbey,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Dey.				

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial of *William Ouke*, and the several Petitions of *Peter Perrine* and *Robert Stockton*, *Samuel Brewer* and *Ezekiel Forman*, respecting *Peter Gordon's* Lottery; and on the Question, Whether a Bill be brought in to explain and amend the former Law for vacating *Peter Gordon's* Lottery, or not? it was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. John Lawrence,	Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming.	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Doughty,	Mr. Keasbey,
	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Reading,
	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hart.
	Mr. Hogbland,		

Ordered,

That the said Memorial and Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition between the Sons of George Leslie, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Skinner and Mr. Hart.

Mr.

Mr. Cooper, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to search for, and collect Papers, Charts, Maps and Records, relating to his Office*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Doughty and Mr. Clement.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the selling of Guns, Gun-Powder, and other warlike Stores to the Indians*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming and Mr. Johnston.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Hart, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, lying in the Township of New-Windsor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which Bill and Amendments were read; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, informing the House, that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* and desire the Concurrence of this House thereto; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *Cape-May*, praying a Law to prevent the Exportation of Fish from that County by Water; was read the second Time, and on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? it passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Memorial from *Daniel Smith, jun.* Surveyer General of the Western Division, desiring that a House may be provided for the Reception of the Proprietary Records, was read the second Time; and the Consideration thereof is referred till next Session.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter he had received from *James Parker, Esq;* President of the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division, praying, that the Bill for the Regulation of *Bergen Commons*, may be postponed till next Session, when the Eastern Proprietors may have an Opportunity of being heard against it; which Letter was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning

Saturday, November 26, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. Wetherill, by Leave of the House granted last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, to build and repair the Court-House and Gaol in the said City; and to raise Money on the Inhabitants of the said City for that Purpose*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the selling of Guns, Gun-powder or other warlike Stores, to the Indians*, was committed, reported the same, with one Amendment thereto; which Bill and Amendment, were read; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, on the Road leading from Bordentown to Trenton*, was read and compared; and on the Question :

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. John Lawrence do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen, and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsack*; was read the second Time, and referred to be considered of at next Session.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to collect Papers, Charts, Maps and Records, relating to his Office*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming and Mr. Clement.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Samuel Rogers and Isaac Rogers, setting forth, that sundry Farms and Plantations were left them, by the last Will and Testament of their Father, deceased, which they are desirous to sell; but finding an Appearance of Intail or Incumbrance, they pray a Law, to enable them to make clear and sufficient Titles to said Lands; and a Certificate was also presented from Joseph Borden, jun. and Elizabeth his Wife, and Joseph Kirkbride and Mary his Wife, Sons in Law and Daughters of the Testator, that they are willing such a Law should be enacted; which Petition and Certificate were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be committed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Spicer, Mr. Reading, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Lawrence and himself had delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. Ashfield, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in these Words.

Gentlemen,

AS I find, by your Minutes, that the Sum which you propose granting for the Protection of the Frontiers, is intended to be struck in Paper Currency, I think it my Duty to lay before you, a Copy of the Royal Instruction to me on that Head, together with Copies of four other Instructions relative to the Disposition of the publick Money when raised.—You will readily perceive, that these Instructions are calculated for the Good of the Province; and, however former Assemblies may have deviated from them on particular Exigencies, I cannot but hope, that you will gladly embrace the first Opportunity of complying with what is so necessary, to prevent one Branch of the Legislature from interfering with the proper Powers of another, and to save the Province from the Mischiefs which attend an over Quantity of Paper Currency.

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I HAVE

‘ I HAVE this Minute received a Letter from Major General GAGE, who
 ‘ succeeds Sir JEFFERY AMHERST in the Command of his Majesty’s Forces
 ‘ in *America*. By the Extract thereof, which I herewith communicate to you,
 ‘ —you will find, that the General enforces the Necessity of the Requisition
 ‘ made by his Predecessor. I flatter myself that his Expectations from this
 ‘ Province will not be disappointed.

‘ Nov. 26. 1763.

W. FRANKLIN.

And the said Message and Papers sent therewith, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, lying in the Township of New-Windsor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, to keep open a certain Ditch or Water-Course which passeth through the Land now claimed by James Clark*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Anderson* and Mr. *Hogbland* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Anderson* reported, that Mr. *Hogbland* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ashfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adjourn’d till Two, P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency’s Message and Papers sent therewith this Morning, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, THAT Nothing but a Matter of the greatest Importance and Necessity could have induced us to offer a Bill on Terms to which we understand his Excellency is so extremely reluctant: That we perceive the Instruction he is pleased to communicate relating to Paper Money, is the same that his Excellency’s five immediate Predecessors, as Commanders in Chief of this Province, have insisted upon; and yet found it for his Majesty’s Service absolutely necessary to vary from them in repeated Instances.

THAT

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Aaron Leaming, for paying the New-Jersey*

To sundry Receipts and Vouchers examined and allowed by the Committee,
 amounting to

To Commissions on £. 1583, at *Two per Cent.*

£. 1624 : 11 : 3

31 : 13 : 0

£. 1656 - 04 - 3

November 28, 1763. We the Subscribers, Three of the Committee appointed to settle Publick Accounts, have examined the Vouchers and Receipts relative to the above Account, and report the same accordingly.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
 JOHN WETHERILL,
 GEORGE READING,

THAT the Variation now propofed is the fame, and the Neceffity equal, if not greater : --- That moft, if not all the Colonies of *North-America*, who affifted in the late War, have had the fame Difficulty to get over ; and yet have been obliged to do it, and at Times when the Neceffity was lefs than at prefent.---That the diftrefsed Circumftance of our Frontiers is fuch, that if it had not been for the early and prudent Steps his Excellency has taken, by fending up the Militia, great Depopulation and Confufion muft have followed, if not many Lives loft, in a Manner too fhocking for us to mention.---That the great Hardfhips the Militia have already fuffered, makes it very unequal to expect they could have affifted much longer.--- That every Year till the Time propofed in the prefent Law for finking the Money, is exceedingly loaded with Taxes, occafioned through the repeated Exertions of this Province in the late glorious War.---That the immediate Want of Money, and Impossibility of raifing it but by an Emission in the Manner propofed, muft make it evident, that we have not willingly attempted to increafe our Paper Currency ; tho' our Lands and Eftates being mortgaged, is Security that never has or can be questioned ; and the Way that Currency makes for fending Silver and Gold to pay our Debts in *Britain*, rather increafes its Credit, the longer it circulates ; and it being Yearly funk in large Sums, when the Addition now offered is made, the Currency will be lefs by upwards of £. 20,000, than it was in the late War ; neither is the Time for finking it fo long as hath been before.--- That this being a plain State of Facts, we hope, the diftrefsed Situation of our Frontiers, and the unavoidable Neceffity of the Meafure, will plead its Excufe.

The Houfe adjourn'd till Monday Afternoon Two o'Clock.

MONDAY, November 28, 1763.

The Houfe met.

The engroffed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the felling of Guns, Gun-Powder or other warlike Stores, to the Indians*, was read and compared ; and on the Queftion,

Resolved,

That the fame do pafs.

Ordered,

That Mr. Dey and Mr. Johnfton do carry the faid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Cooper, on Behalf of the Owners and Poffeffors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucefter, in Purfuance of the Leave granted in September, 1762, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poffeffors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, to clear out the fame* ; which was read, and ordered a fecond Reading.

Mr. Reading, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the Houfe agreed.

Regiment, for the Month of November, 1760,		per Contra	Cr.
1760,	Decem. 17.	By Cash received from the Hon. Andrew Johnfton, Esq;	£. 736:05:0
	23.	By Ditto received from Ditto,	321:05:0
1761,	January 1.	By Ditto received from Samuel Smith, Esq;	200:00:0
	3.	By Ditto received from Ditto,	181:05:0
	April 3.	By Ditto received from the Hon. Andrew Johnfton, Esq;	181:05:0
	Decem. 12.	By Ditto received from Ditto,	25:07:6
1762,	March 10.	By Ditto received from Samuel Smith, Esq;	6:14:0
			1652:01:6
Ballance due to Aaron Leaming,			4:02:9
			£. 1656:04:3

Mr.

Mr. Dey reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Morris, the Speaker of the Council.

Mr. Miller, in Pursuance of the Order of the House of Thursday last, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy; and more particularly for*

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to Colonel William Mac Donald,*

To the Amount of his several Pay-Rolls, from the Time of Enlistment, to the first of November, 1762,	- - - - -	£. 1644:02:06
To the Amount of Capt. Corryell's ditto, for the above Time.	- - - - -	1056:19:00
To the Amount of Capt. Falkner's ditto, from 10th May to 1st November, 1762,	- - - - -	558:05:11
To Cash paid Adam Shaw, Ensign, Two Months and Two Days Pay, from 8th March to 10th May, 1762,	- - - - -	13:16:10
To Ditto paid Capt. Falkner, as above,	- - - - -	21:02:00
To Contingent Charges, viz. Doctor's Bill, conveying the Sick, Baggage, &c. per Vouchers,	- - - - -	88:16:01
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To Commissions at Two per Cent.	- - - - -	3383:02:04
		67:13:02½
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		£. 3450:15:06¾

The Petition from Samuel Rogers and Isaac Rogers, desiring a Law to explain the Will of their Father deceased; and a Certificate from Joseph Borden and his Wife, and Joseph Kirkbride and his Wife, Daughters of the Testator, of their Willingness that such a Law should be enacted; were read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That Mr. John Lawrence, in Behalf of the Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

On a Motion made;

Ordered,

That Mr. Hart have Leave to bring in a Bill, to build a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, at Trenton.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Judges, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Inhabitants of the County of Salem, at their County Court, setting forth the many Inconveniences attending the Fairs held twice a Year at the Town of Salem; and praying an Act to suppress the said Fairs entirely; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday,

for making Provision for the Guard and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, along the River Delaware, in the County of Suffex, and other Places adjacent, by fitting up and repairing Block-Houses, and supplying the same with such a Number of Forces as shall be thought necessary for that Purpose; and also for directing the Manner of Sinking the said Bills of Credit; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Skinner and Mr. Reading do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Contra		Cr.
1762, May 11,	By Cash received of Andrew Johnston, Esq;	£. 326:05:00
14,	By Ditto received of Ditto,	210:00:00
17,	By Ditto received of Ditto,	600:00:00
24,	By Ditto received of Ditto,	431:05:00
Decem. 4,	By Ditto received of Stephen Skinner, Esq;	90:09:00
16,	By Ditto received of Ditto,	138:17:04
24,	By Ditto received of Samuel Smith, Esq;	1500:00:00
Febr. 1,	By Ditto received of Ditto,	84:00:00
17,	By Ditto received of Stephen Skinner, Esq;	60:00:00
Ballance due to Col. Mac Donald,		3440:16:04
		9:19:02 $\frac{1}{4}$
		£. 3450:15:06 $\frac{1}{4}$

We the Subscribers, have examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.

November 22, 1763.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
GEORGE READING,
JOHN JOHNSTON.

Tuesday, November 29, 1763.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Benjamin Brightwell, setting forth, that he was a Serjeant in the New-Jersey Regiment in 1762; that on the Resignation of Ensign Hardy, the Petitioner was appointed to do the Duty of Ensign; that on his Application to Capt. Dayton, the Paymaster, he refused to let him have more than a Serjeant's Pay; and praying the House will allow him the Pay of an Ensign for the four Months he did the Duty; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming and Mr. Clement.

Mr. Doughty, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was committed, reported the same without Amendment; and the same was read; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Skinner reported, that Mr. Leaming and himself waited upon the Governor with the Message of Saturday last.

Mr. Skinner reported, that Mr. Reading and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Morris, the Speaker of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, to build and repair the Court-House and Gaol in the said City, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming and Mr. Johnston.

Mr. John Lawrence, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners, for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the common Lands of the Township of Bergen, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which Bill and Amendments were read: And the Letter from James Parker, Esq; desiring the said Bill may be deferred till next Session, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That a Clause be inserted in the said Bill, that Nothing therein shall be deemed to affect or destroy the Right or Title of any Person or Persons, not claiming under the Bergen Charter, and Governor Hunter's Confirmation thereof; and the said Clause being accordingly inserted, then the Question was put, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Petition from sundry of the Judges, Justices, and Grand-Jury and others, of the County of Salem, praying, That the Fairs held at the Town of Salem, may be suppressed by Law, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasbey have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to collect Papers, Charts, Maps and Records, relating to his Office,* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. Hart, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows lying on the two Runs called and known by the Names of Sandy-Run and Shippataukin-Run, or the Eight Mile Run, in Maidenhead, in the County of Hunterdon, to clear, widen and enlarge the said Runs, or such Parts thereof, and cut such Ditches, as may be necessary effectually to drain and carry the Water off the same;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland,* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over Newtown Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries; and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, to build and repair the Court-House and Gaol, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims, to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen; and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be intitled to the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. Dey do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Keasbey, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Reading.

Mr. Van Gieson reported, that Mr. Dey and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Morris, Speaker of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-Morrow Morning

Wednesday, November 30, 1763.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows lying on the two Runs called and known by the Name of Sandy-Run and Shippataukin-Run, or the Eight Mile Run, in Maidenhead, &c.* was read the second Time; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black-River, in the Township of Roxbury, &c.* without any Amendment.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating Taverns, Ordinaries, Inn-keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors*, was committed, reported the same, with one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the Bill; being now entitled, *An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and several additional Amendments were made thereto in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. John Lawrence, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts, and quieting the Minds of the Purchasers and Devisees, under the Will of Samuel Rogers, deceased*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, to clear out the same*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer and Mr. Borden.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Surveyor General of the Western Division, to collect Papers, Charts, Maps and Records relating to his Office*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Cooper do carry the said Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Hart, according to the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and of the Township of Nottingham, to build a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, adjoining to Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. J. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Cooper and himself had delivered the three Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Skinner, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands, in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition, between the Sons of George Leslie, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little-Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem*, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying in the Township of New-Windsor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, &c.* without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, in these Words.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Johannes Kank, and others, with the Amendment made thereto, and desire the Concurrence of the House of Assembly to said Amendment.*

Council-Chamber,
November 30, 1763.

By Order of the House,

GAB. BLOND, D. Clerk.

And the said Bill was read, and the Amendment in its Place; and on the Question, agreed to by the House

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-engrossed.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the selling of Guns, Gun-powder, or other warlike Stores, to the Indians, without Amendment.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Skinner*.

Mr. *Spicer*, according to the Leave granted him, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in the County of Cape-May;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, December 1, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill and Amendments were read; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Skinner* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for defraying incidental Charges, and other Purposes therein mentioned;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Draught of an Address to his Excellency, was read the second Time, Paragraph by Paragraph, and amended in the House; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and of the Township of Nottingham, to build a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, adjoining to Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; was read the second Time, and referred till next Session of Assembly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved;

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows lying on the two Runs called and known by the Names of Sandy-Run and Shippataukin-Run, or the Eight Mile Run, in Maidenhead, in the County of Hunterdon, to clear, widen and enlarge the said Runs, or such Parts thereof, and cut such Ditches, as may be necessary effectually to drain and carry the Water off the same*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, to clear out the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, re-engrossed with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Johannes Kank, John Dellar, George Kessler and George Himms*; was read and compared.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have passed the same with their Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself had delivered the five Bills with them entrusted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little-Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and several additional Amendments were made thereto in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Petition from *Benjamin Brightwell*, praying a Compensation for acting as Ensign in the Regiment, in 1762, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-Morrow Morning

Friday, December 2, 1763.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts, and quieting the Minds of the Purchasers and Devisees, under the Will of Samuel Rogers, deceased*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer and Mr. Doughty.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in the County of Cape-May*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands, in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition, between the Sons of George Leslie, late of the City of Perth-Amboy, deceased, and to vacate the Judgment entered thereupon, and also to confirm another Partition or Division of the said Lands, lately made among the Sons of the said George Leslie, as herein after mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question,
Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Dey and Mr. Johnston do carry the said Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Dey reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the three Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts, and quieting the Minds of the Purchasers and Devisees, under the Will of Samuel Rogers, deceased*; was committed, reported the same without Amendment; and the said Bill was read; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in the County of Cape-May*, was committed; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and on the Question; whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Reading*, or any Two of them, be a Committee to settle the Accounts of *Joseph Yard*, as Commissioner, and of the respective Barrack-Masters at *Trenton*; and report to the House at next Sitting.

The House adjourn'd till Nine To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 3, 1763.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill,, entitled, *An Act for erecting a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in the County of Cape-May*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hogbland* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act*, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; reported the same with sundry Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and several additional Amendments being made thereto in the House, the Question was put; whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? and it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Hogbland* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland*, together with sundry Amendments thereto; which Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers, &c.* without Amendment.

Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Miller* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for defraying incidental Charges, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd till Monday, Two P. M.

MONDAY, December 5, 1763.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait upon his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be pleased to receive the Address of the House.

Mr.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself waited upon his Excellency according to the Order of the House, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Anderfon*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Doughtry*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for obviating Doubts, and quieting the Minds of the Purchasers and Devisees, under the Will of Samuel Rogers, deceased*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little-Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek, at the Place aforesaid*, was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland*; was read and compared;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have passed the same with their Amendments.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for incidental Charges; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made sundry Amendments thereto; and the said Bill and Amendments were read, and on the Question agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ashfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

On a Motion made,

Resolved,

That the Proof offered to this House, that Notice was given of a former Application from the Owners of *Piscataway Meadows*, is not satisfactory; and that upon sufficient Proof of said Notice being given in the usual Manner, they have Liberty at next Session, to bring in a Bill, pursuant to a former Order of the House.

Ordered,

That all Persons who have been entrusted with laying out the publick Money, and whose Accounts have passed the House, do pay their respective Ballances where such are due, to one of the Treasurers of this Colony, on or before the first Day of *March* next.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and several additional Amendments being made thereto in the House; the Question was put, whether the said Amendments be agreed to or not? it was carried in the Affirmative: Then the Question was put; whether the House agrees to the said Bill as amended or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, December 6, 1763.

The House met.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Alshfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for defraying incidental Charges, and other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That the Printer do send the Laws and Votes when printed, for the Counties of *Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, to the Care of *Joseph Borden*, jun. Esq; and that he add Sixteen Laws to the usual Number sent to *Burlington*; Ten Ditto for *Gloucester*; Fifteen Ditto for *Salem*; Seventeen Ditto for *Cumberland*, and Thirteen Ditto for *Cape-May*: Which additional Number shall be left in the Hands of the respective Members, to be delivered when called for, by the respective Justices of the Peace of each County. And that the said Printer do send above the usual Number to the following Counties, as follows, viz. To

<i>Middlesex,</i>	24.	<i>Bergen,</i>	16.
<i>Monmouth,</i>	12.	<i>Hunterdon,</i>	20.
<i>Essex,</i>	25.	<i>Morris,</i>	17.
<i>Somerset,</i>	20.	<i>Sussex,</i>	11.

Which said additional Number shall be left in the Hands of the respective Members, to be delivered when called for by the respective Justices of the Peace of each County: And the other Laws usually provided, are to be left with the Members of the County, and the respective Persons to whom they belong, are to call upon the said Members for the same.

Resolved,

That this House will defray the Expence *Joseph Borden* is at, in forwarding the said Laws and Votes to the respective Members.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, in these Words,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Read do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, to build and repair the Court-House and Gaol, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows lying on the two Runs called and known by the Names of Sandy-Run and Shippataukin-Run, or the Eight Mile Run, in Maidenhead, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands, in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition, between the Sons of George Leslie, &c.* as also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem;* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, &c.* passed the Council this Day without Amendments.

Council-Chamber,

December 6, 1763.

By Order of the House,

JOHN REID, D. Clerk.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, with one Amendment to the same; which Amendment was read in its Place; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendment or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns;* with several Amendments to the same; which Amendments were read in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-engrossed.

The House adjourn'd for Half an Hour.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Johnston do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, December 7, 1763.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns;* was read and compared;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, in these Words.

' Council Chamber; December 7, 1763.

' Ordered,

' That Mr. Smith do acquaint the House of Assembly, that a Bill, entitled, An Act for defraying incidental Charges, and other Purposes therein mentioned; as also, A Supplementary Act, to the Act, entitled, An Act for erecting a new Court-House and Gaol in the County of Cape-May; also, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony; also, An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little-Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, &c. passed the House this Day without Amendment.

' Ordered,

' That Mr. Smith do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, &c. and acquaint that House, that the Council disagree to the Amendment, and adhere to the Bill.

By Order of the House,
JOHN REID, D. Clerk.'

And on the Question; whether the House adheres to the Amendment made to the said Bill for the Preservation of Fish or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House adheres to the said Amendment.

Mr. *Reading* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the common Lands of the Township of Bergen, and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions, among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same,* without Amendment.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, and presented their Address, in the Words following, viz.

TO

TO His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Cæfarea or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of NEW-JERSEY, in General Assembly convened, sensible of the salutary Effects attending the early Measures taken by your Excellency, for the Defence of the Frontiers, return you our hearty Thanks for the Safety and Protection of the People under your Government.

TO enable your Excellency to prevent the Incursions of the Indians, till a sufficient Force can be raised, we have provided for the Militia detached by your Excellency, also for repairing the Block-Houses; and that the Militia may not be too much barrased, we have passed a Bill for the levying Two Hundred Men, to be stationed as a Frontier Guard, and to relieve the Militia now there by your Order.

WE have passed a Bill for continuing the old Militia Act, and also one for prohibiting the Sale of warlike Stores to such Indians as do not now reside in this Government.

AS to carry on to Effect any War, that it may be thought proper to enter into with the Indians, the joint Efforts of all the Colonies, must be more effectual than the most vigorous Exertions of any One or Two, and the Occasion generally interesting; we must confess ourselves at a Loss to know, why his Majesty's General should confine the Northern Part of his Requisition, to this Colony and New-York only; and apprehending that the Defence of our Frontiers is as much as can be expected from us, until the other Provinces concerned in the present alarming Situation of Indian Affairs, are also called upon for their proportionable Aid; we have been obliged to postpone granting the Requisition, so far as it regards the entering into offensive Measures, for the present.

WHEN his Majesty's Pleasure shall be signified, and the other Governments come into such Measures as the General may propose, for remedying an Evil, that has long concerned the Provinces to know the Cause of, in order to apply an adequate Remedy; we shall on our Parts, not fail to give our best Attention, and grant every Requisition that can reasonably be asked.

By Order of the House,

December 7, 1763.

ROBERT OGDEN, Speaker.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Reading, do go to the Council, and desire to know whether they have any Thing before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

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Mr.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Reading* and himself went to the Council, and that they say, they have Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Borden* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House have gone through the Business before them, and desire his Excellency will be pleased to pass the Bills, and dismiss the House.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that he would send for the House in less than Half an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy; and more particularly for making Provision for the Guard and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, along the River Delaware, in the County of Sussex, and other Places adjacent, by fitting up and repairing Block-Houses, and supplying the same with such a Number of Forces as shall be thought necessary for that Purpose; and also for directing the Manner of Sinking the said Bills of Credit.*

2. *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

3. *An Act for erecting a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol, in the County of Cape-May.*

4. *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.*

5. *An Act for the better and more effectual ascertaining the Boundaries between the Counties of Salem and Cumberland.*

6. *An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns.*

7. *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony.*

8. *An Act to prohibit the selling of Guns, Gun-powder, or other warlike Stores, to the Indians.*

9. *An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of New-Brunswick, to build and repair the Court-House and Gaol in the said City, and to raise Money on the Inhabitants of the said City for that Purpose.*

10. *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Salem.*

11. *An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little-Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries; and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek, at the Place aforesaid.*

12. *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Crosswicks Creek, on the Road leading from Bordentown to Trenton.*

13. *An Act for defraying incidental Charges, and other Purposes therein mentioned.*
14. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying in the Township of New-Windfor, and adjoining to Maidenhead, to keep open a certain Ditch or Water-Course, which passeth through the Land now claimed by James Clark.*
15. *An Act to set aside a Partition of Lands, in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately made by Virtue of a Writ of Partition, between the Sons of George Leslie, late of the City of Perth-Amboy, deceased, and to vacate the Judgment entered thereupon; and also to confirm another Partition or Division of the said Lands lately made among the Sons of the said George Leslie, as herein after mentioned.*
16. *An Act to enable the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows lying on the two Runs called and known by the Names of Sandy-Run and Shippataukin-Run, or the Eight Mile Run, in Maidenhead, in the County of Hunterdon, to clear, widen and enlarge the said Runs, or such Parts thereof, and cut such Ditches, as may be necessary effectually to drain and carry the Waters off the same.*
17. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bog Meadows lying on each Side of Black-River, in the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, to drain the same.*
18. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on the Head of Woodbury Creek, to clear out the same.*
19. *An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the common Lands of the Township of Bergen, and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same.*
20. *An Act to naturalize Johannes Kank, John Dellar, George Kesler, and George Himns.*

And then his Excellency prorogued the House, by the following Speech.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ **I** AM glad to find by your Address, that though you could not be prevailed upon to comply at present with the Requisition of his Majesty’s General; yet you give some Assurances, that you will grant at a future Sessions your full Proportion, towards carrying into Execution a Measure so necessary for the publick Safety. It is to be wished that the Assemblies of the other Colonies, for whose Determinations you think proper to wait, may not be influenced by your Example, and delay the Service required of them. In that Case, I know not what is to become of our Frontier; for I am convinced, that your Bill for raising Two Hundred Men to be stationed there, will not afford sufficient Security to the Inhabitants if the War continues, and that Nothing but offensive Measures will answer the Purpose.

‘ I should not therefore have been prevailed upon, to consent to the Passing a Law so inadequate, and so unconstitutional, as it is in several Respects, but that the Exigency required something to be done, and that this was all that could be obtained.

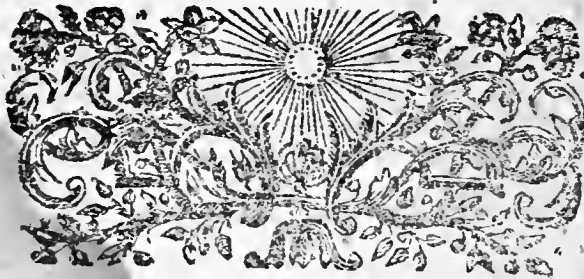
‘ AS you have left Affairs in this Situation, it will not be by any Means proper to give you a long Recess; I therefore prorogue you to *Tuesday the Tenth Day of January* next, then to meet at *AMBOY.*’



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to
print these Votes.

ROBERT OGDEN,

Speaker.



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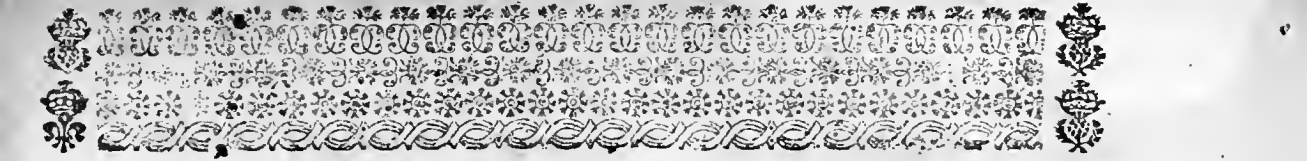
At Two SESSIONS of GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, Tuesday, February 14, 1764.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from time to time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 15, 1764.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Skinner*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Skinner* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, February 16, 1764.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ; informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency : Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows ;

' Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;

AT your last Sessions it was thought proper to postpone complying with the Requisition of his Majesty's General, until the Royal Pleasure should be signified, and the Determinations of the other Colonies, with regard to the Measure proposed, be made known. I shall now give you all the Satisfaction in my Power on both these Heads.—By a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of HALIFAX, Secretary of State, I have received his Majesty's Orders, “ earnestly to recommend to you, forthwith to make Provision, for enabling me to call out a sufficient Number of the Militia, or to raise such a reasonable Number of Troops, as, from the actual State of the Indian War, the Commander in Chief of the King's Forces in North-

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“ *America* shall think necessary; and to employ them not only in defending
 “ and protecting the Lives and Properties of his Majesty’s Subjects on the
 “ Frontiers of this Government, but also in acting offensively against the
 “ Indians, at such Places, and in such Manner, as the said Commander in
 “ Chief shall direct.—And his Majesty trusts, that the Legislature of this
 “ Government, from their Zeal and Affection for his Service, as well as from a
 “ just Regard to the Safety and Welfare of the Colony, will readily and cheer-
 “ fully concur in exerting themselves upon this important Occasion, to the End
 “ that his Majesty’s Subjects in *North-America* may peaceably enjoy the Fruits
 “ of the many glorious Successes obtained there by his Majesty’s victorious
 “ Arms during the late War, and the extensive Advantages secured to them by
 “ the late Peace.”——As to the Conduct of the other Colonies on this in-
 “ teresting Occasion, the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, I am informed, cheerfully
 “ and immediately voted the whole Number of Troops required of that Pro-
 “ vince. But the Assemblies of the *New-England* Governments, it seems, not
 “ thinking themselves so nearly concerned in the War, have thought proper to
 “ postpone their Determinations on this Matter till *March*. The Expediency,
 “ however, of having a considerable Body of Troops to take the Field early in
 “ the Spring, supposing the Indians inclinable either to Peace or War, is so
 “ forcibly represented in a Letter I last Night received from General GAGE, and
 “ which shall be communicated to you, that I think you cannot but come into
 “ the same Sentiments, and act accordingly.

“ THE Cause of the present Defection among the Indians, you likewise at
 “ your last Sitting intimated a Desire to be informed of. The many and various
 “ Opinions which were then circulated on that Head, bore such evident Marks
 “ of being founded on Conjecture only, that I could not think any of them
 “ worthy your Attention. But I have since received an Account of a Con-
 “ ference held by Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, with a numerous Body of Indians
 “ in *September* last, wherein Sir WILLIAM (who must be supposed to have the
 “ best Information) says, that the Indians, “ without any Notice or Provocation,
 “ fell upon our Traders,” &c.—But I refer you to the Conference itself, which
 “ I shall order to be laid before you.—It does not appear, that even the Indians
 “ themselves alledge, or so much as insinuate, that the English had by any
 “ Offence whatever provoked the late Outrages. On the contrary, one of
 “ their Speakers tells Sir WILLIAM, “ the *Seneca* Warriors had owned, that
 “ their Sachems did not act right, that the *Onondagoes* had wise Men to guide
 “ them, but they had none, which was the Cause of the present Troubles.”

“ MATTERS being thus circumstanced, the Necessity of sending an armed
 “ Force into the Indian Country, to bring them to a right Sense of their per-
 “ fidious Conduct, is most evidently apparent. Indians, in general, are a war-
 “ like People from their Infancy. They ever entertain a thorough Contempt
 “ for the Nation who will make Peace without obtaining Satisfaction for Injuries
 “ suffered by the War. When that happens to be the Case, they seize the
 “ first Opportunity of renewing their Hostilities. A recent Instance of this we
 “ have in the Creek Nation; who being invited to the late Congress held with
 “ the Southern Indians, accepted the Invitation, received the King’s Forgiveness
 “ for their former Offences, entered into a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance,
 “ partook of the Presents sent by his Majesty, and soon after destroyed a Num-
 “ ber of the Back Inhabitants of *South-Carolina*. In short, to obtain a solid
 “ and durable Peace with Indians, we must first make them feel the Miseries
 “ of War.

‘ I have therefore, *Gentlemen of the General Assembly*, the fullest Reliance on the Assurances you gave me at your last Sitting, of complying with the General’s Requisition. By going chearfully into this reasonable and necessary Measure, you will confirm the favourable Sentiments his Majesty already entertains of the People of this Province, and in the most effectual Manner provide for their Security.

‘ THE Militia, who were draughted for the Protection of the Frontiers, are, since your last Sessions, relieved by the Troops raised for that Purpose.---The People have, during the Winter, remained at their respective Habitations, and met with no Disturbances from the Enemy; but as the Spring advances, they are apprehensive of fresh Depredations.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ I think it proper at this Time to mention to you, That some People in *Pennsylvania*, having, contrary to the common Principles of Humanity, murdered, in cool Blood, a Number of friendly Indians, who had long lived peaceably among the Inhabitants of that Province, in the Manner the Indians at *Brotherton* have resided among us; and having also, in Contempt of the Government, which had taken them under its Protection, threatened the Destruction of other Indians remaining there, tho’ they had given the strongest Proofs of their Attachment to the British Nation; I did, at the Request of Governor PENN, grant a Passport for their safe Conduct through this Province, in their Way to Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON. They proceeded as far as *Amboy*, but being refused a Passage through the Government of *New-York*, they are since returned to *Philadelphia*. A small Number of them, who were well recommended to me, are, with my Permission, placed near *Woodbury*, I having received Assurances that the Township will be put to no Charge for their Support. The principal Inhabitants there have given them a friendly Reception; and I trust, that there is not a Person in this Province, but has a just Abhorrence of the unmanly Behaviour of those lawless Rioters of *Pennsylvania*.---To be ardently inclined to have the Indians now at open War with us severely chastised for their Perfidy, is highly commendable; yet, surely, not only Humanity, but sound Policy, and common Sense, dictate that we should give all the Encouragement and Protection in our Power to those who shew themselves our Friends at such a Juncture.

‘ FREQUENT Meetings of the Legislature I well know to be attended with Inconvenience to your private Affairs. It is therefore my fixed Intention never to call you together but when the publick Service makes it necessary. Perhaps the going at this Time into the Consideration of the current Business of the Year, may prevent the Occasion of a Session at an inconvenient Season: If this should be your Opinion, you may depend that my Concurrence will not be wanting.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the Northern Parts of the Township of *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*; setting forth the Difficulties they labour under, in paying their Taxes and transacting their publick Town Business, by Reason of the Extent of their Township, and the Distance many of them are from the Metropolis of the same; praying a Law to annex them to other Townships more contiguous, or to erect a new Township; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joseph Behringer*, and others, Foreigners; praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several Prisoners confined for Debt, in *Monmouth County Gaol*; praying for an insolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Wetherill*, *Mr. Dey*, *Mr. John Lawrence*, *Mr. Hart*, *Mr. Borden*, *Mr. Skinner*, *Mr. Johnston*, and *Mr. Keasbey*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inspect and settle all publick Accounts which may come before the House this Session.

Mr. John Lawrence, from the Committee appointed last Session, for settling the Accounts of *Joseph Yard*, Esq; informed the House, that *Mr. Yard* had deceased since the Appointment of said Committee, and that the Executors of the Deceased had not hitherto prepared the said Accounts for a final Settlement.

Ordered,

That *Mr. John Lawrence*, *Mr. Borden*, *Mr. Hart*, and *Mr. Fisher*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to inspect and settle the said Accounts, during the Vacation, and make Report to the House, at next Sitting of Assembly.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*; setting forth, that by Law, the Bridge over *Affanpink Creek*, on the Road leading from *Nottingham* to *Trenton*, shall be repaired or rebuilt, two Thirds at the Expence of the County of *Hunterdon*, and one Third Part at the Expence of *Nottingham*; that the Inhabitants of *Nottingham*, have built Part of said Bridge of Stone, and the other Part is built of Wood; praying a Law to oblige the County of *Hunterdon* to build their Part of said Bridge of Stone; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Chesterfield* and *Nottingham*, Proprietors of a Tract of Marsh and Meadow Ground, lying in *Nottingham*, bounding on the South East by *Crosswicks Creek*, and on the North West by *Delaware River*; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed, declaring *Crosswicks Creek*, from *Watson's Ferry* down to the Mouth of the same, a good and lawful Fence; and that Cattle crossing the same may be deemed Trespassers; and that the Owners and Proprietors only, may have Liberty to turn their Cattle into said Meadows, at particular Seasons of the Year, and in Proportion to their Rights; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Mary Van Voorbees* and *Brook Farmar*, setting forth, that they having Demands against the Colony, made Application to the Commissioners appointed to adjust and pay the Claims of Persons for Services to the Government in the late War; who think themselves not at Liberty to answer the same; praying the House to take their Demands into Consideration, and grant them suitable Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Essex County*; praying for the Reasons therein contained, that a Road may be laid out through the Commons and Town of *Bergen*, from *Kill Van Kull* to the Point of *Bergen*, opposite to *New-York*; and Ferries established across *Kill Van Kull*, and the *Norfolk River*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and (with the Letters and Papers therein mentioned) committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech, &c. and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave, he reported as follows;

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Bill be brought in, for raising a Number of Men, not exceeding Six-Hundred, for the ensuing Campaign; and that said Bill be guarded with a Clause, appointing Commissioners to levy the said Number of Men, agreeable to the Quotas heretofore usual in the Northern Colonies, whenever the Colonies shall enter into offensive Measures against the Indian Enemy: And on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. *Skinner*,

Mr. *Johnston*,

Mr. *Anderson*,

Mr. *John Ogden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Fisher*,

Mr. *Hogbland*,

Mr. *Van Gieson*,

Mr. *Dey*,

YEAS.

Mr. *John Lawrence*,

Mr. *Borden*,

Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,

Mr. *R. Lawrence*,

Mr. *Clement*,

Mr. *Keasbey*.

Two Members present in the House, were excused from voting.

Resolved,

That for Levying, Cloathing and Paying the said Forces, and for other Purposes, the Sum of £. 30,000, be immediately struck, in Paper Bills of Credit. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Government be supported for one Year, to commence the 21st Day of May next. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *J. Ogden*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for raising the aforesaid Forces, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Hogbland*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Keasbey*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for Support of Government.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Owners and Possessors of the Salt Meadow and Marsh, lying on the North Side of *Rariton* River, setting forth, that they have given the Notice ordered by the House, at a former Session of Assembly, of their Application for a Law, to preserve said Meadows and Marsh from the Damage frequently done thereon by Cattle; praying Leave now to bring in a Bill for that Purpose; which Petition was read; and it appearing to the House, that the Petitioners have given the Notice required, and no Objections appearing against the same;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in said Bill.

Whereupon Mr. *Wetherill*, in Behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Meadow and Marsh lying on the North Side of Rariton River, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Pertb-Amboy*; praying a Law to raise a Sum of Money by Lottery, for repairing the Presbyterian Meeting-House in *Pertb-Amboy*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Friday, February 17, 1764.

The House met.

Mr. Skinner, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men, in the usual Proportion, not exceeding Six Hundred, Officers included, for the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Dey, from the Committee for that Purpose appointed last Session, reported, they had examined the Muster Rolls of the Year 1761, and find that *John Reeker* was entered and continued on the Muster Rolls of Col. *Hunt's* Company, untill the 20th of *November*, in said Year.

Ordered,

That Col *Hunt* do forthwith attend this House, to answer this Part of said *Reeker's* Complaint against him; and that the Serjeant at Arms do serve him with this Order.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *Shrewsbury*, for dividing said Township, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for dividing said Township at the next Session, provided publick Notice thereof be in the mean Time given in all the Townships concerned, by affixing up Advertisements in Five of the most publick Places in the County; and that the necessary Proof of this being done be then made, and no reasonable Objection appearing.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Essex* and *Bergen*, praying, for the Reasons therein given, that in Case a Road should be thought necessary to be laid out from any Place near *Newark* to *New-York*, and Ferries established across *Passaick*, *Hackinsack* and the *North River*, that the said Road may run from *Second River* through Col. *John Schuyler's* Cedar Swamp, and across *Bergen* to *Paulus Hook*; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Meadows and Marsh lying on the North Side of Rariton River, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Cooper*.

The Petition from *Bergen* and *Essex*, for a Road to be laid out from *Second River* to *Paulus Hook*; and the Petition from *Essex* County, for a Road from *Kill van Kull* through *Bergen*, to *Paulus Hook*, were read the second Time; and the Petition from *Newark* and *Morris* County, for a Road from *Newark* to *Paulus Hook*, formerly presented to the House, was also read; and the House being informed, that Persons were attending at the Door in order to be heard in Support of the said Petitions, they were admitted and heard, and then withdrew.

The House taking the above Matters into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill appointing Commissioners to lay out a Road from *Kill van Kull*, nearly opposite to the *Dutch Church* on *Staten Island*, through *Bergen* to *Paulus Hook*; and also appointing Commissioners to lay out a Road at such Place as they shall judge most proper, either from *Newark* or *Second River*, or any Place between or contiguous thereto, and to run across the Rivers *Passaick* and *Hackinsack* to *Paulus Hook*; and for establishing the necessary Ferries.

The Petition from *Joseph Bekringer*, and others, Foreigners, for Naturalization, was read the second Time; and the Petitioners produced a Certificate to the House, certifying that they have taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration enjoined by Law.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher*, in their Behalfs, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to Naturalize Joseph Behringer, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforesaid Bill:

After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which Bill with the Amendments, being read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, February 18, 1764.

The House met.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *Adam Shaw*, late Lieutenant in Capt. *Johnson's* Company, in the Province Service; setting forth, that upon the Decease of Capt. *Johnson*, the Command devolved upon this Memorialist; that he conceives he ought to receive Captain's Pay for the Time he had the Command; that he has not received any Pay either as Captain or Lieutenant during the said Service; that he was obliged to answer to a Doctor for Services done the Company, by Order of the Commanding Officer, to the Amount of £49. *York* Money; and that he was obliged to furnish Necessaries for the Soldiers, in order to enable them to perform Duty; praying the House to take the above Matters into Consideration, and grant suitable Relief: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Johnson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows and Marsh lying in Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, to make and keep open the necessary Drains, &c.* reported the said Bill with several Amendments thereto; which Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Smith* laid before the House several Letters he had received from the Agent, with his Accounts; which were read.

The Bill for Support of Government, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforesaid Bill. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave he reported, as follows:

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *William Franklin*, Esq; *Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum*; to commence the Twenty-First Day of *May* next. And on the Question, Whether the House agreed to said Sum or not? it passed in the Affirmative as follows:

Y E A S.

YEAS.
Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,

YEAS.
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,

YEAS.
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Keasby,
Mr. Hart,

NAYS.
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Clement.
who voted for 1000 l.

To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the Date of his Commission. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the Date of his Commission. To which the House agreed.

To *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Esqrs; Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-Keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *William Franklin*, Esq; *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House-Rent, provided he makes *Pertb-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for each Time. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Assembly within the Time, *Six Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To *Abraham Clark*, jun. one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*: Also *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer; and to said *Abraham Clark*, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for Pen, Ink, and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Business of this Session. And to *Richard Smith*, for the said Services in the last Session, *Fifteen Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Secretary, for copying the Publick Laws to send home to *England*, during the Continuance of said Act, *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit; also *Fifteen Pounds* each, for their extraordinary Services. To which the House agreed.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Johnston*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Wetherill*, *John Hogbland* and *John Ogden*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-Keeper of the House of Representatives for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six Pence per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

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To *John Johnston*, Esq; to pay for a Room for the Assembly, *Twenty Shillings* per Week; and also *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the Council, during any Sitting within said Term. To which the House agreed.

To *Samuel Smith*, Esq; to pay *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds* per Year, for petty Expences, for each of the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That said Bill as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to naturalize Joseph Behringer*, &c. was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from several of the Inhabitants of *Amboy*, praying for a Lottery, to repair the Presbyterian Meeting House in said *Amboy*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetberill,
Mr. J. Ogden,

Y E A S.

Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Hart,

N A Y S:

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Vangeisen,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden

N A Y S.

Mr. Clement,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Keasby.

Ordered,

That Mr. Skinner and Mr. Johnston be a Committee to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of the above Petition.

Mr. John Ogden, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out two several Roads, leading through the Township of Bergen to Paulus Hook*, &c. which was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on publick Accounts made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Dr.	Elias Dayton, Paymaster of the New-Jersey Regiment.	Contra	Cr.
1762, May,	To Cash received of <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; £. 441 0-0	1762, By Cash paid <i>Samuel Hunt's Men</i> , per Muster Roll. - - - - -	£. 1975-1-4
	To Do. received of Do. - - - - -	By Do. paid <i>William McDonald's</i> , per Do. - - - - -	51-10-0
	To Do. received of Do. - - - - -	By Do. per <i>Thomas Johnson's</i> Do. - - - - -	1567-5-11
June,	To Do. received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; 3000-0-0	By Do. per <i>William Falkner's</i> Do. - - - - -	138-12-5
Dec.	To Do. received of Do. - - - - -	By Do. per <i>Elias Dayton's</i> Do. - - - - -	1765-6-5
	To Do. received of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq; 590-0-0	By Do. paid <i>Jonathan Stout</i> , as Lieutenant, 58-15-12	
		By Do. paid contingent Charges pr Receipts. 9-14-0	
			5566-6-0
	To Ballance due to <i>Elias Dayton</i> - - - - -	By Commissions at Two per Cent. - - - - -	111-6-6
	£. 5677-12-6		£. 5677-12-6

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee for Accounts, do hereby certify, that we have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the above *Elias Dayton*, and do report his Accounts as above:

February 18, 1764.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN JOHNSTON.
JOHN LAWRENCE.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *Stephen Crane*, Esq; setting forth, that he was appointed Paymaster and Victualler of the Forces on the Frontiers, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight; That said Forces was expected to be kept up until the Twenty-first of *May* following, in Consequence whereof he laid in a Stock of Provisions in the Fall of the Year; That said Forces were disbanded sooner than

than he expected, and the Provision so found, being placed at different Stations, great Part of it was entirely lost; That the Committee appointed to settle his Accounts, refused to make any Allowance therefor, unless the House should advise the same; And that he had clothed and victualled a Number of Men that attended the Governor at the Treaty at *Easton*, the Expence of which, and the Damages he sustained by the Loss of Provision, amounts to One Hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence; desiring that the same may be allowed; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Hendrick Fisher and *James Parker*, Esquires, two of the Managers of the Provincial Lotteries, laid their Accounts before the House for their Inspection.

On a Motion made,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, that *Jonathan Hampton*, Esq; is authorized by Law to pay the Militia lately stationed on the Frontiers of this Province, and settle and discharge all Accounts relative thereto.

The Serjeant at Arms informed the House, that he had served the Order of Yesterday with him intrusted, on Col. *Hunt*, who, in Obedience to said Order, had come to Town, and was attending at the Door.

Col. *Hunt* accordingly was ordered into the House, and heard, as well touching that Part of *John Reeker's* Complaint, wherein he is charged with receiving the Wages of said *Reeker*, as a Soldier in the Pay of this Province, after said *Reeker* was sold as a Servant to a Suttler, as concerning the said Col. *Hunt's* receiving other Monies on Account of said *Reeker*, not by him accounted for. The said Col. *Hunt* then by Order withdrew.

The House taking the above Matters into Consideration, and being desirous of obtaining further Information touching the Premises;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the same be deferred till next Week; and that the Serjeant at Arms do immediately give Notice to Mr. *John Cox*, at *Mocres Town*; and also to Mr. *John Blanchard*, at *Elizabeth Town*, that they are both required to attend this House on Monday next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, to testify what they know concerning the Matters alledged against Col. *Hunt*; and that said Col. *Hunt* do also attend at the same Time.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Perth-Amboy, to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Ten o'Clock.

MONDAY, February 20, 1764.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men, in the usual Proportion, not exceeding Six Hundred, Officers included, for the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Joseph Behringer, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Salt Meadows and Marsh, &c.* was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Geison* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Service, brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Lord *Stirling*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Perth-Amboy, to raise by Lottery, a Sum of Money for repairing the Presbyterian Meeting House in said City*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be engross'd, or not? it passed in the Negative, as follows.

Y E A S.

Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Weberill*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Van Geison*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Keasbey*.

Ordered,

That said Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out two several Roads, leading through the Township of Bergen, to Paulus-Hook, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *R. Lawrence*.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Catherine Johnson*, Widow of Capt. *Thomas Johnson*, setting forth, that her Husband having the Command of the Company in the Pay of this Colony, the Year past, was in all Probability killed by the Savages, in an Attack by them made upon a Marching Party; that said Captain *Johnson* being Paymaster of said Company, carried Money with him for that Purpose, which, with his Accounts of Disbursements, by his untimely Death, was entirely lost, together with sundry Valuable Effects; praying the House to take the above Matters into Consideration, and grant suitable Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Van Geison* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the two Bills with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ladd*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ladd*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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A Petition was presented to the House, from *Elias Marfb*, of *Amboy*, setting forth, that in the Year 1756, he was employed by General *Shirley's* Agents to go to *Oswego*, as Master Ship-Builder; and in Pursuance of his Contract, employed a Number of Workmen to go with him on that Service; in Confidence of having their Wages answered by the Agent appointed for paying such Accounts; which has hitherto been refused; and that said Workmen demanding their Wages of this Petitioner, he is likely to become a very considerable Sufferer, unless he can obtain some Relief from the Legislature; praying the House to take the same into serious Consideration; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading:

The Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants of *Chesterfield* and *Nottingham*, for a Law to be passed, declaring *Crosswicks-Creek* from *Watson's Ferry*, down to the Mouth of the same, a good and lawful Fence, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of Assembly, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition; provided publick Notice of their Application and this Order, is given in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before said Sitting.

Mr. *John Blanchard*, one of the Witnesses sent for concerning the Complaint of *John Recker* against Col. *Hunt*, attending pursuant to the Order of *Saturday* last, was called into the House, and examined touching the Premises, in the Presence of Col. *Hunt*. The Consideration of the Matter was then deferred till the other Witness sent for, can be heard.

The Memorial of *Stephen Crane*, Esq; relating to his Loss of Provisions on the Frontiers in the Year 1758, occasioned by the sudden and unexpected Disbandment of the Forces; and his furnishing Provisions and other Necessaries, for a large Number of the said Forces that attended the Governor at a Treaty held at *Easton*; desiring an Allowance for the same, was read the second Time, and Mr. *Crane* attending at the Door in order to support the Matters set forth in his Memorial, was admitted into the House, and heard; and then he withdrew.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the above Memorial be deferred till To-morrow.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, February 21, 1764.

The House met.

The Draught of an Address to his Excellency was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Memorial of *Adam Skaw* was read the second Time, and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Hart* do wait upon his Excellency, and desire to be informed, when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

The House resumed the Consideration of *Stephen Crane's* Memorial, and the Matters therein suggested not being sufficiently proved.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the same be deferred till next Sessions, in order that Mr. *Crane* may have Time to prepare such Proofs as he shall think proper, touching the Premises; and that the Committee formerly appointed to settle his Accounts, do defer their Report till the same Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill at next Session, for preventing Frauds in such Mortgages as shall be taken hereafter, by providing that the Mortgagees having the Title Deed in Possession, shall be considered as the first Security.

Mr. *John Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

The Petition of *Elias Marsh*, was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That if any Actions should be brought by any Persons against said *Elias Marsh*, for the Matters alledged in his Petition, this House will take his Case into Consideration, and discharge his Body from Confinement; it on Hearing, it appears to be just so to do.

The Petition of *Catherine Johnson*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Committee on publick Accounts, do inspect into the Matters set forth in said Petition, and make Report thereof to this House.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Nottingham*, praying a Law, to provide for building the Bridge over *Assanpink* Creek of Stone, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the subject Matter of said Petition, be deferred till the third Day of next Sitting of Assembly; when all Parties concerned, may have an Opportunity of being heard, for and against the same.

The Accounts of *Elias Dayton*, as Paymaster of the *Jersey* Regiment, having been settled, and reported this Session.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue an Order to the Secretary, to deliver up and cancel said *Elias Dayton's* Bond, in his Custody, given for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee, to collect the actual Surveys of the two great Roads, leading through this Province, from *Cooper's* Ferry to *New-York*, in order that this House may be informed where the said Roads can be freighted; and that they make Report thereof at next Session.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill at next Session, for preserving of Fish in the River *Delaware*, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following.

' *Gentlemen,*

' TO prevent any Interruption to the usual Course of Justice, which might ensue from the Death of Mr. *Morris*, I have, with the unanimous Advice of the Council, appointed the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Chief Justice, and *John Berrien*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in this Province.'

February 21, 1764.

W^m. FRANKLIN.
Mr.

Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out two several Roads, leading through the Township of Bergen, to Paulus-Hook, &c.* reported, that they had made several Amendments to said Bill; which Bill, with the Amendments being read, and other Amendments thereto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; which being read, is in the Words following.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ **F**ROM some Intelligence received by the last Pacquet from *England*,
 ‘ I find, that the Right Honourable Lords of Trade and Plantations, having
 ‘ taken into Consideration the Acts passed by this Government and *New-*
 ‘ *York*, for settling the Boundary Line between the two Provinces, approve of
 ‘ the Purport of those Acts, and are on that Account, inclinable to recommend
 ‘ them for Allowance to his Majesty: But some Difficulty arising with regard
 ‘ to one of the Commissioners nominated in the Act of this Province, has oc-
 ‘ casioned their Lordships to object to the advising the Confirmation thereof as
 ‘ it now stands. I therefore recommend it to you, to pass another Act, in
 ‘ every Respect like the former, except, that in the Room of the two Gentle-
 ‘ men first named therein as Agents, (one of whom being since deceased,) let
 ‘ the Names of *William Donaldson* and *Walter Rutherford*, Esqrs, be inserted;
 ‘ this will obviate the Objection of their Lordships, and be a Means of obtaining
 ‘ the many salutary Purposes, which must necessarily ensue to this Province,
 ‘ from that Act being carried into Execution.’

February 21, 1764.

W^M. FRANKLIN.

The said Bills, mentioned in his said Excellency's Message, being read, with the Amendments therein proposed, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *John Cox*, one of the Witnesses sent for *Saturday* last, touching the Complaint against Col. *Hunt*, attending, was called into the House, and examined in the Presence of said Col. *Hunt*: The Consideration thereof was then deferred till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 22, 1764.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New-York, to such a Method of Decision, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question, Whether the same do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. *Skinner*,
 Mr. *Johnston*,
 Mr. *Wetherill*,
 Mr. *Anderson*,
 Mr. *J. Ogden*,
 Mr. *Fisher*.

Y E A S.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
 Mr. *Borden*,
 Mr. *Clement*,
 Mr. *Keasbey*,
 Mr. *Hart*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*.
 Mr. *Hogbland*.
 Mr. *Van Geison*,
 Mr. *Dey*,
 Mr. *Smith*,
 Mr. *Cooper*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engros'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out two several Roads, leading through the Town of Bergen, to Paulus Hook*, was read and compared; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried the Negative, as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Hart*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Van Geison*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Keasbey*.

Ordered,

That all Persons which may be any way affected, by laying out the abovesaid Roads through *Bergen*, do attend the House, with their Objections, if any they have, on the third Day of next Sitting of Assembly; and in Case no substantial Reasons against the same, shall then be offered; it is ordered, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in another Bill, for laying out said Roads.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *Dey* be a Committee to bring in a Bill at next Session, for obliging the Militia Officers to account for all such Fines and Forfeitures as they may have in their Custody.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Ladd*, two of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Matters alledged against Col. *Hunt*; and it appearing by a Receipt, produced by *John Cox*, that said *Hunt* had received of *William Cox*, by the Hands of said *John Cox*, in the Year 1761, the Sum of Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, on Account of *John Recker*; which he never accounted for, and paid to said *Recker*; and it also appeared, that said *Hunt* had received said *Recker's* Wages as a Soldier, for the latter Part of the Campaign in 1761, after the said Col. *Hunt* had sold him to a Suttler at *Oswego*.---

---Whereupon it is ordered, that Col. *Hunt* be called into the House, and that Mr. Speaker do recommend to him, to pay Six Pounds to the Serjeant at Arms, for giving Notice to himself, and the Witnesses, to attend this House; and also satisfy Mr. *John Cox*, for his Attendance; and also pay to said *John Recker*, the Sum of Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence.

Col. *Hunt*, being thereupon called into the House, and informed thereof; he promised a Compliance therewith, and acknowledged his Faults for the Trouble he had given the House in the Affair: He was then dismissed from further Attendance.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government*, &c. also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Joseph Behringer, and others*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows and Marsh, lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, to make and keep open the necessary Drains*, &c. without any Amendments.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on publick Accounts made the following Reports.
To which the House agreed.

Dr.	<i>The Province of New-Jersey, to John Smyth, one of the Commissioners.</i>	Cr.
1761. To the Amount of his Account, as per Vouchers. - - - £. 1954-07-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1761. May 7. By Cash received of Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer- - - - £. 200-00-0	
To Commissions, at 2 per Cent. - - - 39-01-9	11. By Cash received of Do. - - - 525-00-0	
Ballance due to the Province, - - - 133-02-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	14. By Cash received of Do. - - - 537-12-0	
	June 1. By Cash received of Do. - - - 525 00-0	
	23. By Do. received of Do. - - - 210-00-0	
	Sep. 21. By Do. received of Do. - - - 129-00-0	
		£. 2126-12-0

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee for settling publick Accounts, have examined the above Account and Vouchers relative thereto, and do report it as above stated.

February 21, 1764.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN JOHNSTON.
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Dr.	<i>Province of New-Jersey, to John Smyth, Esq;</i>	<i>per Contra</i>	Cr.
1762. To Sundries purchased for the Use of the Forces raised in 1762. - - - £. 1944-03-03 $\frac{3}{4}$	1762. By Cash received of Andrew Johnston, May. - - - £. 1780-14-0		
To Commissions at 2 per Cent. - - - 38-17-07 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 7. By Do. received of Lowel Morris, for Bounty and Cloaths. - - - 13-10-6		
		£. 1794-04-6	
	Ballance due to John Smyth, Esq; - - - 188-16-5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
		£. 1983-00-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	

February 22, 1764. *We the Subscribers, three of the Committee appointed to settle publick Accounts, have examined the Vouchers and Receipts relative to the above Account, and report the same accordingly.*

JOHN JOHNSTON,
JOSEPH BORDEN,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Dr.	<i>John Blanchard, Paymaster, to the Province of New-Jersey.</i>	Cr.
To a Ballance due to the Province, as per the Com- mittee's Settlement in June 1st, 1763. - £. 61-4-7	By Cash paid 24 Men, being Part of the 68 Men not allowed; and noted in the Settlement of June 1st, 1763. - - - £. 30-07-6	
To a Deduction of Commissions, on £. 55-4-10, at 2 per Cent. - - - 1 2-1	Ballance due to the Province. - - - 38-19-2	
		£. 62-06-8

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, having examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relating thereto, do report the same as above stated.

February 22, 1764.

JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN JOHNSTON.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, &c. and also the Bill, entitled, An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province, from any Expence in running the Line between New-Jersey and New-York.*

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, February 23, 1764.

The House met.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report.
To which the House agreed.

Dr.

Dr.

Province of New-Jersey, to Thomas Johnson.

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1763, To Amount of Capt. Johnson's Muster-
Nov. Roll, from the first of Nov. 1762,
to the first of Nov. 1763. - £. 1471-05-5
To Capt. Johnson's Pay, from 1st Nov.
1762, to 13th Sept 1763, Ten
Months and 14 Days. - - - 105-04-4

£. 1576-09-9
To Commissions at Two per Cent. 31-10-5 $\frac{1}{2}$

£. 1608-00-2 $\frac{1}{2}$

1763.
By Cash of Stephen Skinner, - £. 1059-17-6
By Deduction for Dead Men, - - - 20-16-7

£. 1080-14-1

Ballance due Thomas Johnson, - 527-06-1 $\frac{3}{4}$

£. 1608-00-2 $\frac{3}{4}$

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee for settling the
publick Accounts, do report the Account as above stated.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN JOHNSTON,
JOHN HART.

N.B. Out of the Ballance of this Account, the Administrators of Thomas Johnson deceased, is to repay to Adam Shaw, the Pay he has advanced to the Soldiers, since the Death of Capt. Johnson; also the Administrators to pay all the Soldiers not yet paid, for the full Year's Service.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House, and give his Assent to several Bills before him.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait upon his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the Words following :

TO His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, and Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, have deliberately considered the Matters recommended in your Excellency's Speech, and found it necessary to go into some Preparations for the general Service.

IN the Original Settlement of this Province, great Circumspection and Care was used to gain and preserve the Friendship of the Indian Natives; their Lands were from time to time, fairly and openly purchased, to their general Satisfaction; this conciliated their Affection, and for a long Course of Time, they were eminently serviceable to the new Settlers; and since the Beginning of their Hostilities, lest some among them should think any Part of our Lands remained unpurchased, Care was taken at the Treaty of Easton, in 1758, to obtain for a valuable Consideration, a general Release for all the Lands in this Province, such Parts only excepted as were reserved for the Use of those Indians that inclined to live under the Protection of this Government; this was done, and the Money paid in open Council, and their Approbation universally express'd: Such therefore being the Circumstances of this Province, with regard to the Indians; it became a Matter of Astonishment to us, that any Conduct of their's, should give Reason to fear their Intentions respecting us: And whether they had actually any Design upon this Province, or not, their Hostilities in the Neighbourhood of our Frontier, and in one doubtful Instance over the Line, were Inducements to place a Frontier Guard of Two Hundred Men, for the Winter past; the continuing this Guard, we believe, might be Security for

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our small Frontier ; but as their Perfidy to the Government seems to require Chastisement, and the Operations to make a future Peace effectual, calls for the united Force of the Colonies : We have now passed a Bill, for raising the Number of Men mentioned in the General's Letters, on Condition a Majority of the Eastern Colonies should come into the Requisition ; conceiving, that as we can neither rank among the most able, nor are most exposed by our Situation ; the making this Provision, by which our Levies may be as soon in the Field as any of the Eastern Colonies, is coming up to the Demand of his Majesty, by the Secretary of State, and the General.

WHILST we are thus preparing for bringing perfidious Savage Violators of publick Faith, to a Sense of their Interest, we would by no Means be understood as including Resentment against all Indians ; Experience shews, as your Excellency justly observes, that there are many among them, notwithstanding the general Corruption of the Tribes, some that have distinguished themselves by a long and steady Attachment to the English ; such there are amongst us ; these demand our Protection. Justice to the Original Proprietors, whose Lands we purchased and occupy, the Faith of the Government, their Proofs of the Fidelity require it ; and we have a well grounded Confidence in our Constituents, that no Occasion will be given (by any Act of theirs) to brand them with the Loss of their distinguishing Faculties, nor plunge into a Conduct, that besides incurring the Penalties of Government, tends to banish Justice from the World, stains the Christian Name, and stamps Disgrace upon Human Nature, by punishing the Innocent, for what the Guilty only should suffer.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT OGDEN, Speaker.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five ; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.

An Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New-York ; to such a Method of Decision as his most Gracious Majesty shall think proper, by his Royal Commission, or otherwise, to appoint.

An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province, from any Expence in running the Line between New-Jersey and New-York.

An Act to naturalize Joseph Behringer, John Snoffer, George Windemude, Gasper Shepperd, Walton Vokes, John Henry Snoffer, Martin Swort Welder, Adam Cuncle, Andrew Wagener, John Philip Weiker and John Morkel.

An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Salt Meadows and Marsh, lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, to make and keep open the necessary Drains, build and repair Bridges and Gates, for the Uses therein mentioned.

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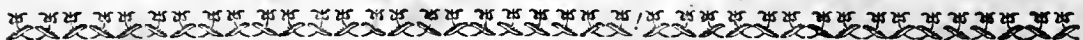
His Excellency then made the following Speech.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;*

‘ **H**IS Majesty’s Council being of Opinion, that your Supply Bill is of too uncertain a Nature, and too inadequate to the Purpose, cannot let it pass their House. As it has therefore not yet come before me, my Opinion is not to be expected, any otherwife than as founded on the Account of it contained in your Address.---Upon that Representation alone, I cannot but be of the same Sentiments with the Honourable Gentlemen of the Council. But to prevent any Altercation, which a particular Disquisition on the Subject of a Money Bill might occasion ; I think it expedient to give you a short Prorogation, that you may have an Opportunity of bringing in a new Bill, not liable to the same Objections as the present.

‘ I do therefore prorogue you, to Two o’Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at *Pertb-Amboy.*’

February 23, 1764.



P E R T H - A M B O Y, Thursday, February 23, 1764. Two P. M.

The House met, pursuant to his Excellency’s Prorogation.

TH E House taking into Consideration, that the Council have refused to pass the Bill, proposed to them, for raising Six Hundred Men for his Majesty’s Service, in offensive Measures against the Indians, on Condition a Majority of the Eastern Colonies, as far as to include the *Massachusetts Bay*, should come into his Majesty’s Requisition on this Occasion ; lest a Service so important should suffer for Want of the Assistance of this Colony ; the Question was put, whether the Limitation should extend to the Province of *New-York* only ? and it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Fangeisen,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Keasbey.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Clement,	
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Borden,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Hogbland.			

One Member present, was excused from voting.

A Bill was then brought in, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men, in the usual Proportion, not exceeding Six Hundred, Officers included, &c.* which was read, and debated Paragraph by Paragraph, and several Amendments made thereto ; the same as amended, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross’d.

The engross’d Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men, in the usual Proportion, &c.* was read and compared ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Van Geison,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Keasbey.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Clement,	
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Borden,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Hogbland.			

One Member present, was excused from voting.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Hart do carry the abovesaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Hart and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

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A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Number of Men in the usual Proportion, not exceeding Six Hundred, &c.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Geison* and Mr. *Anderson* do wait upon the Council, and desire to be informed, whether they have any Business before them; and if they have not, inform them, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Van Geison* reported, that Mr. *Anderson* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who say they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Skinner* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him that the House have gone through all the Business before them, and are desirous of being dismissed.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Skinner* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in a few Minutes.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act for raising a Number of Men in the usual Proportion, not exceeding Six-Hundred, Officers included, for the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same.

His Excellency then prorogued the General Assembly, to the Day of *Marb* next, then to meet at *Burlington*.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print these Votes.

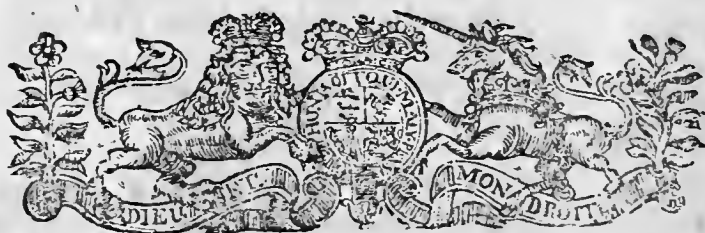
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At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at
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Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, TUESDAY, May 21, 1765.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, May 22, 1765.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may please to lay before them.

Mr. *Wetherill* acquainted the House, that *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; one of the Members for *Middlesex*, is deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Representative for the said County of *Middlesex*, in the Room of the said *Samuel Nevill*.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself had waited upon his Excellency, according to the above Order, who was pleased to say, he should be in the Council-Chamber about Twelve o'Clock, when the House should hear from him.

A Message from His Excellency; by Mr. Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

' Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

IT is with infinite Satisfaction that I embrace this first Opportunity of congratulating you upon the happy Termination of Hostilities with the Indians. By the wise Measures of His Majesty's General, and the judicious, spirited Conduct of Colonel *Bouquet*, they have been reduced to accept the most humiliating Terms of Accommodation. They were not only compelled to deliver up all their Prisoners, but even their own Children born of white Women; and to give up a Number of their principal Chiefs, to remain as Hostages, till they should send Deputies to Sir *William Johnson*, to settle a Peace upon such further Terms as he should think necessary.

' The Troops you enabled me to send into the Field, for the last Campaign, were of considerable Service: Their Behaviour, in every Respect, was such as did Honour to the Province. The Guards placed on our Frontiers have likewise done their Duty, and the Inhabitants have been fully protected from the Incursions of the Enemy.

‘ I have it in Charge from His Majesty to recommend to you the Facilitating the
 ‘ Conveyance of Letters, by the Posts, through this Province. A regular, safe and
 ‘ speedy Correspondence is of the utmost Importance to his Majesty’s Service, and to
 ‘ the commerical Interest and general Convenience of his Subjects. It is therefore not
 ‘ to be doubted but the Legislatures of the several Colonies will readily and chearfully
 ‘ promote the Establishment of Ferries, the Erection of Bridges, the Improvement
 ‘ of Roads, and whatever else may contribute to prevent Delays and Interruptions to
 ‘ the Posts in passing.---His Majesty’s Deputy Postmasters General for the Northern
 ‘ District of *America*, have given me Assurances, that if the Legislature of this Pro-
 ‘ vince will cause Bridges to be erected over *Ancoas*, and the Creek near the Barracks
 ‘ in this City, they will order the Posts to take that Route in their Way between *New-*
 ‘ *York* and *Philadelphia*; as the Communication will be thereby considerably shortened,
 ‘ and rendered far more certain. The many Advantages to the Province in general,
 ‘ which will attend this Measure, if carried into Execution, will, in my Opinion,
 ‘ greatly overballance any Inconveniences it may occasion. Indeed, all of the latter,
 ‘ which I have yet heard suggested, have been either imaginary, or such as are merely
 ‘ local, and might be easily obviated.

‘ I have received from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, an
 ‘ Order of His Majesty in Council, repealing the *Act for rendering void the Lottery*
 ‘ *lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands in the County of Middlesex*,
 ‘ passed in the Time of your late Governor. Their Lordships Reasons for pro-
 ‘ posing the Repeal of this Act, and for not laying before his Majesty an Act, passed
 ‘ at the same Time, *for imposing a Duty upon the Importation of Negroes*, will appear
 ‘ by an Extract of their Letter, which the Secretary will communicate to you.

‘ It would afford me, *Gentlemen*, the greatest Pleasure to see the Inhabitants of
 ‘ this Province, now Peace is so happily established, turning their Attention to the
 ‘ Cultivation and Production of such Articles as might serve for Remittances to the
 ‘ Mother Country; and which, at the same Time that they tended to her Advantage,
 ‘ might prove beneficial to the Colony. For this Purpose, I would recommend to you
 ‘ to grant a Bounty to encourage the Raising of Hemp and Flax, and the Cutting
 ‘ of Plank and Timber, for Exportation to *Great-Britain*. The Parliament have
 ‘ already granted some Encouragement to the two first Articles, and the truly laudable
 ‘ Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, have shewn a Disposition to promote
 ‘ the others. They have, for that End, sent into several of the Colonies Boxes, con-
 ‘ taining Specimens of divers Sorts of Fir Timber, and Deals, which are imported
 ‘ into *England*, from *Riga* and *Norway*, with a Description of the same, and the Prices
 ‘ they are sold at. One of these Boxes and Descriptions I have received, and shall order
 ‘ it to be shewn to any of the Inhabitants of the Colony, who may incline to see them.
 ‘ This you may depend on, that every Species of Timber has for many Years been
 ‘ rising in Price in *Great Britain*; and that there is scarce any Thing wanting, to make
 ‘ a ready Vent for Oak, Fir, Pine, Cypress, and Cedar from *America*, but a Know-
 ‘ ledge of the Scantlings wanted for each particular Use, and to cut for that Market
 ‘ good Wood, in the right Season.

‘ The Society before mentioned have likewise given handsome Premiums for the
 ‘ Encouragement of the Culture of Silk, and the Making of Wines and Pot-Ash in
 ‘ *America*; and as they might be produced in this Province (as appears by some Ex-
 ‘ periments made in the neighbouring Colonies) it might be worth your Enquiry,
 ‘ whether it would not be proper for the Legislature to grant such further Assistance
 ‘ as may be sufficient to incite the People to undertake the Production of those valuable
 ‘ Articles.

‘ The Militia Law being near expired, it is necessary that you should take that Matter
 ‘ into your Consideration. A well regulated Militia is of the utmost Importance to the
 ‘ Security of the Inhabitants from foreign Invasions, and internal Commotions. Our
 ‘ Law for that Purpose has been generally complained of as defective in several material
 ‘ Points, but I hope this Session will produce one less liable to Objection.

‘ *Mr.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

‘ Besides the due Support of his Majesty’s Government, I have only to recommend that you would make Provision for the Pay owing to the Forces raised last Year, for the Time they were obliged to serve after the first Day of November.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

‘ So many Benefits to the Publick have resulted from a perfect Harmony subsisting between the different Branches of the Legislature in this Province, that I am convinced no Arguments are necessary to induce you to endeavour its Preservation and Continuance; I shall therefore only add my earnest Wishes, that all your Consultations may be productive of the most happy Consequences to this Country.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

The House adjourn’d till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Excellency’s Speech was read the second Time, and all the Papers therein mentioned, were also read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

At the COURT at ST. JAMES’S; the 20th Day of July, 1764.

P R E S E N T,

The KING’s Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord STEWARD,

Earl of HILLSBOROUGH,

Earl of SANDWICH,

Mr. VICE CHAMBERLAIN,

Earl of HALIFAX,

GILBERT ELLIOT, Esq;

Earl of POWIS,

JAMES OSWALD, Esq;

Earl of HARCOURT.

‘ WHEREAS the Governor of His Majesty’s Province of New-Jersey, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in September, 1762, pass an Act, which hath been transmitted, intituled as follows, viz.

‘ *An Act for rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex, and to relieve and secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery, against any Action that is or may be brought against them concerning the same.*

‘ And whereas the said Act, together with a Representation from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, proposing the Repeal thereof, having been referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council for Plantation Affairs; the said Lords of the Committee did this Day report, as their Opinion to his Majesty, that the said Act ought to be repealed.-----His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to declare His Disallowance of the said Act, and pursuant to His Majesty’s Royal Pleasure thereupon express’d, the said Act is hereby repealed, declared void, and of none Effect:---Whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief of His Majesty’s said Province of *New-Jersey*, for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.’

W. BLAIR.

Extract of a Letter to the Governor, from the Lord’s Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated July 13, 1764.

‘ As we have no particular Objection to the Policy of imposing a reasonable Duty upon the Importation of Negroes, we should have been glad to have laid the Laws passed for that Purpose, before His Majesty, for his Approbation: But as the Duty is laid payable by the Importer, and a Part of it is reserved in Case of Re-exportation, it appears to us, to be contrary in both these Respects, to the Twenty-sixth Article of your Instructions.’

Petitions were presented to the House, from Prisoners confined in most of the County Goals of this Province, setting forth their several distressed Circumstances, and praying for an Insolvent Act; which Petitions were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented by sundry of the Inhabitants of *Chesterfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, at their Town Meeting, setting forth their Dissatisfaction at the present Mode of repairing Highways by the Labour of the Inhabitants; and praying a Law which may expire in two Years, to levy a Tax on the Inhabitants of said Township for the repairing their Roads, and that their Supervisor may be chosen and qualified at their annual Town Meetings, and be allowed Wages, and have Power to hire Labourers from Time to Time; and that a Treasurer may also be chosen at their said annual Town Meetings, and that a Clause may be added more clearly to direct the said Supervisor in what Manner he shall obtain Timber for the Use of the said Highways; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from Eighty-five Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Upper-Freehold*, in the County of *Morrmouth*, setting forth, that *Upper-Freehold* aforesaid, is a Patent Township, and enjoys Privileges which the Townships of *Freehold* and *Shrewsbury* in said County do not; and that the Petitioners are informed that one or more Petitions are before this House from the Township of *Shrewsbury* aforesaid, for Leave to bring in a Bill, to add or annex Part of said Township of *Shrewsbury* to *Upper-Freehold* aforesaid, or for a new Township, and praying that their Liberties may remain inviolable, and that the Bill for the Purpose aforesaid, be not admitted; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House and read, from *Thomas Ewing* and *Thomas Ogden*, Coroners of the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth, that there is no Law nor sufficient Custom, to direct of whom they may demand and receive their Fees as by Law allowed; nor have they ever received any Fee or Reward for the many and difficult Services which their Duty as Coroners obliges them to perform; and as the Petitioners presume it is not agreeable to the House or the good People of this Province, that such Services as are done by the Coroners or Jurors who attend them, should remain unrewarded; they pray such Relief in the Premises as the House in their Wisdom shall think right.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Thomas Clark*, *Ephraim Terrill*, *Abraham Clark*, jun. and *Nicholas Britain*, setting forth, that the Petitioners are possessed in Joint-Tenancy of certain Lands, situate in the County of *Essex*, lying adjoining on the South West Side of *Raway* River, through which Land the Country Road now passes, and are desirous of erecting a Mill or Mills on said River; and that the most convenient Place for erecting the same, both for the Petitioners and the Publick, is in the said Country Road; making the Causeway a Part of the Dam: And a Certificate was also presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Raway*, living contiguous to the Place aforesaid, notifying their Consent to the Building of the Mills prayed for; provided the Petitioners will maintain and support the said Dam and Causeway at all Times hereafter, at their own Costs and Charges, for so long Time as they shall keep up said Dam and Works; and a Copy of an Advertisement was also presented, importing, that the Petitioners did intend to apply to the Legislature at this Session, for the Purpose of erecting the said Mills at the Place aforesaid; and also a Copy of a Letter from two of the Petitioners directed to *Edward Frazee*, notifying him of this Application; all which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Township of *Little Egg Harbour*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth the Privileges they ought to possess without Interruption, respecting fishing, fowling, hunting, claming and oystering; and praying a Law to prevent Strangers interfering with their Property therein, saving the Liberty for all Sea-faring People on board the coasting Vessels coming into their Inlet for Trade, to fish, fowl, clam or oyster for their own Provision, while they are there; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Springfield*, *Mensfield* and *Northampton*, Owners and Possessors of Meadows, lying on *Esfaconck*, or *Birch Creek*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that there is a large Quantity of Meadow lying on the said Creek, between the upper and lower Part thereof, which, for Want of proper Vent to carry off the Water, is but of little Value to the Owners, the Water Course being obstructed by Logs, Brush, Shoals, &c. and praying a Law to clear and open the said Creek and Branches thereof; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from 54 Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, setting forth, that whereas the Legislature, in the Year 1751, found it necessary to lay a provincial Tax; and observing, that the Quotas of the several Counties had not been ascertained for many Years past; and that the Circumstances of the several Counties then in being, were much altered, and others erected; in order therefore that the Taxes then necessary to be raised, be equally proportioned among the several Counties, did order an exact Account to be taken of all the Rateables, and in Consequence thereof, settled and fixed the Quotas of the several Counties, which have remained so ever since; altho' the Circumstances of some of the Counties are very much altered, and one new One erected; by Reason whereof, the Taxes by this Time must be very unequal; and further setting forth, that as the County of *Somerset* lies bordering on divers other Counties, several of the Petitioners have thereby an Opportunity to know the great Odds there is between the Taxes in *Somerset* and some other Counties; and that in several Instances *Somerset* pays near one Half more on the same Lands in Quantity and Quality than others; and therefore praying, that the Quotas of the several Counties may be re-settled, or such other Relief granted in the Premises to *Somerset*, as the House in their Wisdom shall think fit; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Thomas Bartow* and *John Smyth*, of *Perth-Amboy*, praying, for the Reasons therein contained, a Law to oblige the Barrack-Masters or others, who are appointed to take Care of the Barracks at *Perth-Amboy* for the Time being, to keep the Fence round the Barrack Lot at all Times good and sufficient, and to satisfy all Damages which may accrue to the Petitioners, their Heirs and Assigns, from time to time, by Means of the said Fence, or the Forces or others that may be in the said Barracks;----such Damage to be valued by two indifferent responsible Men, on their View of the same, the Costs of which to be paid by those who have Charge of said Barracks at that Time, as well as the Damages, out of such Money as may be in their Hands for the Use of the Barracks, or for Rent of the same; and if none such, then by the Treasurer on a Certificate from the Valuers, or in any other Manner as to the House shall seem most proper for the Relief of the Petitioners, and of those who may claim under them, in the most speedy and least expensive Method; and a Copy of the Deed from the Petitioners to the Trustees for the Barracks, was also presented; which Petition and Copy were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Leonard Gibbon*, *Constant Smith*, *Enoch Moore*, *John Smith* and *John Gibbon*, Owners and Possessors of a large Parcel of Tide Meadow and Swamp, situate on a small Creek called *Newport Creek*, between the Townships of *Greenwich* and *Stow Creek*, in the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth, that a Bank hath been made across the said Creek and Marsh or Meadow from the East Land of *Leonard Gibbon*, to the East Land of *John Walling*, and proper Sluices laid (upwards of Twenty Years since) in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to drain off the Freshes; which has not been found prejudicial or injurious to any; but for Want of the same being kept up in an effectual Manner, is become almost useless; and praying such a Law to regulate the Premises as in the Wisdom of the House may be most likely to answer the End intended; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday

Thursday, May 23, 1765.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Doughty*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, be appointed a Committee to enquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring and make Report to the House.

On a Motion made.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the calamitous Situation of this Province, respecting Debts and Law Suits; and to enquire whether any Thing can be done for the better ascertaining Titles to Land.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Keasby* do wait upon the Council with the above Message, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House, and to appoint a Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

It appearing by a Receipt from *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division, that *John Blanchard*, late Paymaster of the *Jersey* Troops, had paid the Ballance of his Account with the Province, as settled by the Committee on the publick Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign an Order to the Secretary, to deliver up the said *John Blanchard's* Bond.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that by the Supplementary Act to the Act for regulating the Size of Traps, &c. no Restriction or Punishment is laid upon Foreigners, or other Persons, hunting or carrying Guns on out or unimproved Lands, by which Means a great Number of People come from the neighbouring Provinces, with their Guns and Dogs, to kill Deer, and send their Skins to other Colonies; which, unless remedied, will greatly diminish the Number of Deer, and deprive the Proprietors of the Soil of the Advantages arising from the Increase of that Game; and therefore praying the Legislature will remedy the said Grievance in such Manner and Form as to them shall seem meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Edward Frazer*, of *Elizabeth-Town*, praying, for the Reasons therein set forth, that Messrs. *Clark* and others, petitioning for Leave to build a Mill or Mills on *Raway* River, may not obtain the Prayer of their Petition; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House and read, from several of the Proprietors of the patented Land called *Seacaukus*, situate in the Township of *Bergen*, in the County of *Bergen*, in Behalf of themselves and the rest of the Proprietors thereof; setting forth, that the Commissioners appointed by Law, for making Partition of the Common Lands of the Township of *Bergen*, wholly surceased or omitted to make Sub-Division or Partition of the Common Lands, laid out and located for the said Patent of *Seacaukus*; so that the Proprietors of *Seacaukus* have been as yet deprived of the Benefit of the Act of Assembly aforesaid, and will be greatly involved in tedious and expensive Suits at Law, and in Equity, unless speedily relieved; and praying an Act appointing other Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the said Common Lands, so laid out and located to and for the said Patent of *Seacaukus*, and for making a Partition thereof; and a certified Copy of the Minutes in the said Commissioners Field Book, was also presented and read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *Isaac Andrews* and others, Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp on *Little Mantua Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*; praying for the Reasons therein contained, a Law to oblige every Person benefited by the Dam and Tide Bank heretofore erected across the said Creek, by the mutual Consent of the Petitioners, to pay their proportionable Share towards keeping up and maintaining the said Dam, Bank and other necessary Water Works, according to the Quantity of Meadow they severally hold, and each one to keep the Water Course of the said Creek open and clear, against their own Premises.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House, signed by fifty-four Hands, setting forth, that the Petitioners and others, are possessed of upwards of ten thousand Acres of Meadow, which by Reason of the many Windings of *Passaick River*, are frequently overflowed, and remain under Water; whereby said Meadows are rendered almost useless; which the Petitioners conceive may be greatly remedied, if not intirely prevented, by cutting a strait Course for the River to run in for about four Miles, saving thereby near twelve Miles of the Course of said River; and praying a Law to enable and authorise the Petitioners and others to do the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Rev. *Colin Campbell*, Clerk, Minister of the established Church of *England*, late *St. Anne's*, now *St. Mary's*, in the City of *Burlington*, setting forth, that a certain *Thomas Leciter*, of the Eastern Division of this Colony, did by his last Will and Testament, devise to the Ministry of the said Church of *St. Anne's*, two hundred and six Acres of Land, situate in the County of *Somerset*; and praying for the Reasons contained in the Petition, for Leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Minister, Church-Wardens and Vestry, or the major Part of them, of whom the Minister for the Time being to be one, to sell and convey in Fee-Simple the said Tract of Land, and to purchase for the Purposes in the Will, other Lands, as Glébe Lands, nearer and more convenient to the City of *Burlington*; and until the Produce of the said two hundred and six Acres can be so laid out, that they or the major Part of them (the Minister always to be one) shall put out the same to Interest, and the Interest thereof to be appropriated yearly for the Use of the Minister; and a Copy of the said *Thomas Leciter's* Will was also presented; both which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Estell*, of *Evesham*, in the County of *Burlington*; praying, for divers Reasons therein set forth, that the Legislature will by Law allow him to erect a Saw-Mill on and Dam across the River or Creek *Atson*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Hugh Thompson*, praying to have Pay allowed him for acting as Adjutant and Quarter Master in the Campaign of 1764; and also to have Recompence for an accidental Loss upon *Lake Erie*, to his Damage *Twenty-four Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions were presented to the House from *Hunterdon*, (including the Grand Jury of that County then sitting) and other Counties, signed by many Hands, praying for the Reasons therein at large set forth, that the Legislature will pass a Law, for the Emission of Paper Currency to be let out on Loan on Land Security; and also to regulate the Fees of the Practitioners of the Law, and to restrain Shopkeepers and other Retailers, from trusting above Six Pounds to any one Person; or to grant such other Relief in the Premises as the House may think proper; which Petitions were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Two Petitions were presented to the House from the Judges, Justices and sundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, signed by 108 Names, setting forth, that the Fairs now held twice a Year in the Town of *Greenwich*, are found productive of various Kinds of Vice and Immorality, tending generally to the

Disturbance of the publick Peace, and to the great Misfortune of Individuals, &c. and praying that the said Fairs may be suppressed by Law; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, signed by 99 Names, setting forth, that the Fairs at *Greenwich*, in that County, are found to be of great and general Use and Benefit to the Inhabitants of the County in general, and to the Town of *Greenwich* in particular; notwithstanding which, the Petitioners have Reason to believe, that some trading People among them, together with such others as they have influenced, are about to prefer a Petition to suppress the said Fairs, and praying, that the said Suppression may not take Place, until the Petitioners have an Opportunity to give in their Objections, which they cannot now do, as they have not seen the Reasons offered by their Opponents; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *David Long* and others, Owners and Possessors of a large Parcel of Tide Meadow and Swamp, situate on the South Branch of *Stow Creek*, being the Division Line between *Salem* and *Cumberland*, setting forth, that a Bank hath been made across the said Creek and Marsh from the East Land of *Bradway Keasbey*, to the East Land of *David Long*, and proper Sluices laid (upwards of Twenty Years since) in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same; and to drain the Freshes, and praying a Law for the making and maintaining the said Bank, with Sluices and Drains necessary to drain the said Meadow effectually, something in the Manner of the Essay therewith sent, with such Alterations and Amendments as the House in their Wisdom may think most likely to answer the End intended; which Petition and Essay were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Tewkesbury*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that the Inhabitants of *Tewkesbury*, and the adjoining Townships, labour under many Hardships and heavy Grievances, by Reason of their remote Situation from the Court-House in *Trenton*, the Southern Extremity of the County; and praying, for that and other Reasons therein offered, that a Law may be enacted for removing the Court House from the extreme Part of the County to the Center, or for dividing the County in such a Manner as the House shall in their Wisdom think fit; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, signed by a great Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that the Court-House at *Amboy*, on the 27th Day of *October* last, for the second Time, took Fire and was burnt down, and praying; for several Reasons therein contained tending to shew the Incongruity of the County Court House being placed in an extreme or remote Part of the County, that a Bill may be preferred by the House, by which the Freeholders, Inhabitants of *Middlesex*, may be enabled to purchase a Piece of Land, and to erect a suitable Court-House, together with proper Gaols; and also, that the Place for erecting said Buildings may be determined by the Voice of the Freeholders in the County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex*, of the same Tenor with the last Petition, for building the Court House and Gaols; and further praying, that the Method of levying Taxes on the Inhabitants for that Purpose, may be clearly ascertained upon such a just and equitable Plan as the House shall think fit to prescribe; the present Laws, as the Board conceives, being too dubious and complicated to answer the present Emergency; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Pursuant to an Order of the House of last Session, the Parties affected by the Petitions for laying out a Road from *Newark* to *Paulus Hook*, now attending, were called in, and their

their several Allegations fully heard; and the Consideration thereof is referred till To-morrow Morning.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, praying a Law to rebuild the Court-House and Gaol in the same Part of the County as heretofore it stood; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

And another Petition to the same Purpose, signed by a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Middlesex*, was presented, setting forth several Reasons why the said Court-House and Gaol should be rebuilt at *Pertb-Amboy*; which was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisber*, Mr. *John Lawrence*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Reading*, or any three of them, be a Committee to settle and adjust such publick Accounts as may come before the House this Session.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Governor's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisber*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Township of *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying for the Reasons therein contained, that the said Township may not be altered, but remain as it is; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Adam Shaw*, setting forth, that the Petitioner, in *February* 1764, did prefer a Memorial to the House, importing that the Memorialist was obliged to furnish the Soldiers with Cloathing and other Necessaries, to the Amount of Eighty four Pounds and seven Pence, *New-York* Currency; and also Charges and Demands to the Amount of twenty-four Pounds, eighteen Shillings and six Pence, like Currency; which the Petitioner has not yet received, altho' he hath applied to the Executors of Capt. *Johnson*, and some of the Commissioners; and praying the House will grant such Relief in the Premises, as to them shall seem just and reasonable; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from twenty-nine Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that the Petitioners are seated on and near the River *Delaware*, on both Sides of *Raccoon* Creek, in the said County, and are obliged to travel much out of their Way in order to cross *Raccoon* Creek, at the Bridge already built over it, on the Province Road; and praying an Act of General Assembly, to build a Draw-Bridge over the said Creek, at or near the Land of *Constantine Wilkins*, on such a Plan as will be the least disadvantageous to the Navigation and the Inhabitants; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Pertb-Amboy*, setting forth, that the Petitioners, Adherents to the Church of *Scotland*, find it very difficult, as well as inconvenient, to support the Gospel, especially in the Winter Season, for the Want of a House of publick Worship; that they are but few in Number, and therefore unable of themselves to repair a Presbyterian Meeting-House, formerly built in that City, which is now in a ruinous Condition; and praying the House would licence them to raise by publick Lottery the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to enable them to repair the Meeting-House aforesaid; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Jacob Van Winkle*, of the Town of *Bergen*, setting forth, that he is informed, that there is a Road to be laid out thro' *Schnyler's* Meadows to *Hackinsack* River, otherwise called the *Kill Van Kull*, and a Ferry to be kept across said River, and a Road to be laid from said River to the Upland of *Bergen*; and praying the House to appoint the landing Place to be at the Creek known by the Name of *Bacchus's* Creek, where his Land lies, and to invest him, his Heirs and

and Successors, with all the Liberties, Property, Profits and Advantages of said Ferry ; in Return for which, the Petitioner will undertake to make a Road from said Upland of *Bergen*, to said *Hackinack* River, and provide Scows and other Craft, necessary for the Ferry, and build a Dwelling House and Barn on said Upland ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Cornelius Van Voorst*, of *Hassimus*, in the County of *Bergen*, setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized in Fee of and in a certain Parcel of Land, commonly called by the Name of *Paulus-Hook*, situate on the West Side of *Hudson's* River, in the said County of *Bergen*, and directly opposite to the City of *New-York*, where the Petitioner hath formed a Resolution of establishing a Ferry to *New-York* ; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill, authorizing the Petitioner to establish such a Ferry as aforesaid ; and empowering the Petitioner, his Heirs and Assigns forever, to demand and receive for the Transporting of Passengers and their Goods, such reasonable Rates as the Legislature shall enact ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, May 24, 1765.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters and Papers to and from the Agent ; which were read.

The Petitions from *Shrewsbury*, for annexing Part of that Township to the adjoining Towns, or for a new Township ; and from *Upper-Freehold* and *Lower-Freehold*, against it, were read, the two last the second Time ; and divers Persons attending to support the Objections contained in the said two last Petitions ; were called in, and their Allegations fully heard ; and on the Question, Whether the Township of *Shrewsbury* shall be divided, or some of the remote Parts thereof be annexed to the adjacent Townships ? it was carried for dividing.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the Inhabitants of *Shrewsbury*, to divide the said Township, in a Manner the most agreeable to themselves ; and then to prefer a Bill for confirming the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions for laying out a Road from *Newark* to *Paulus Hook* ; and on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in said Bill accordingly.

Mr. *John Ogden*, in Behalf of the Petitioners above mentioned, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen ; and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinack* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the Treasurer of the Western Division do lay his Accounts before the House.

The Petition from the Proprietors of *Seacaucus*, in the Township of *Bergen*, for an Act appointing Commissioners to settle the Rights of the Common Lands there, and for making Partition thereof, was read the second Time ; and on the Question, Whether Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

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On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* have Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned; and to give a proper Discharge for the Sum received.

And Mr. *Smith* brought in the said Bill accordingly, entitled, *An Act to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the Sum received*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, in these Words, viz.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House have appointed Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Perker* and Mr. Chief Justice, to be a Committee, to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the subject Matter of the Message of that House of Yesterday; and that the Committees do meet for that Purpose at the Council Chamber, in the Secretary's Office, at Four o'Clock this Afternoon.

By Order of the House,

J. READ, D. Clerk.

Council-Chamber,
May 24, 1765.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Aaron Mattison*, of *Anrwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that the Petitioner in April 1764, enlisted as a Soldier in the *Jersey Blues*, under Capt. *George Coryell*, and went with him as far as *Detroit*, and in returning from thence was taken sick, and continued some considerable Time in a deplorable Condition; and praying, that his Pay may be allowed him till the Time of his Return home to *Anrwell*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from divers of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town and County of *Salem*, setting forth, that the Petitioners have, until lately, had long Experience of the great Utility, Conveniency and Benefit arising from holding Fairs or publick Markets twice a Year in the said Town of *Salem*; but so it is, that since the late Act of Assembly for suppressing the said Fairs, the Inhabitants of the said County in general, and of the said Town in particular, have been injured and suffered great Damage; and praying the House to prepare a Law to revive and establish the said Fairs as heretofore; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The Two Petitions for striking Paper Money, regulating Lawyer's Fees, &c. were read the second Time, and committed to the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the calamitous Situation of this Province, respecting Debts and Law Suits; and to enquire whether any Thing can be done for the better ascertaining Titles to Land.

The House resumed the Consideration of the subject Matter of the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Nottingham Township*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying a Law to provide for building the Bridge over *Affanpiuk Creek* of Stone, as referred from last Session; and divers Inhabitants of *Nottingham* attending, were called in, and their Allegations were fully heard; and the Consideration thereof is referred till To-morrow Morning.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Richard Corbin*, Soldier in the *Jersey Regiment* last Campaign, setting forth his hard Condition during his Service, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Saturday,

Saturday, May 25, 1765.

The House met.

The Petition of *Aaron Mattison*, of *Amwell*, praying Allowance of Wages till his Return home, was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That Provision be made for the Petitioner's Wages till the 16th of April, 1765.

The Petition of *Isaac Andrews*, and others, Owners and Possessors of Meadow on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying a Law to regulate the said Meadow, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether Leave be granted to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in said Bill accordingly.

And Mr. *Cooper*, in Behalf of the said Petitioners, in Pursuance of the Leave now granted, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Nottingham*, praying a Law for building the *Trenton Bridge* of Stone; and on the Question, whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from *Leonard Gibbon*, and others, Owners and Possessors of Meadows on *Newport Creek*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law to regulate the said Meadows, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether Leave should be given to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Accordingly Mr. *Miller*, in their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Western Treasurer, agreeable to an Order of the House of Yesterday, laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Hart*, or any Three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make report to the House; and that Mr. *Hogbland* and Mr. *Dey* do inform the Council thereof, and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of Meeting.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *R. Lawrence*, Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *Dey*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the Sum received*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *R. Lawrence*.

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In Pursuance of the Leave given last Session, Mr. Borden, in Behalf of sundry Inhabitants of *Chesterfield* and *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying for a Law, declaring *Crosswicks* Creek from *Watson's* Ferry down to the Mouth of the same, a good and lawful Fence, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to constitute and make Crosswick's Creek a good and lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry, down to the Mouth of the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. John Lawrence had Leave of Absence on extraordinary Occasions, for a few Days the ensuing Week.

Mr. Hogbland reported, that Mr. Dey and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Memorial was presented to the House from *Josiah Banks*, late a Captain in the Service of the Province, setting forth his Services, and the Deficiency of his Pay; and that he was ordered to cut Timber for removing and repairing the Block House at the Head-Quarters, and that after the Memorialist had engaged the Artificers, cut the Timber, and got it ready, Justice *Rosecrants* claimed the Block House, and would not permit him to remove the same; upon which Mr. Arison refused to pay the Memorialist, alledging, that the Work was not compleated; whereby the Memorialist continues liable, and expects to be sued by the People he employed; and therefore praying the House to take his Case into their serious Consideration, and allow him the Pay by him requested, and enable him to discharge the Accounts against him; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Afternoon, Three o'Clock.

MONDAY, May 27, 1765.

The House met,

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the Sum received*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bills as amended be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between the Townships of Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer and Mr. Cooper.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank, and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Skinner and Mr. Miller.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, respecting hunting on unimproved Lands, was read the second Time.

And the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Little Egg Harbour*, relating to their Privileges, was also read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Skinner, do bring in the Draught of a Bill accordingly.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Commissioners appointed by Law for building Bridges over *Cooper's* and *Penbsaukin* Creeks, &c. and for overseeing the new Road

Road from *Burlington* to *Philadelphia*, setting forth, that they have endeavoured to the utmost of their Power, to have the Road opened and made straiter on the Hill near the West End of *Cooper's* Creek Causeway, which is now confined to the Space of about ten or twelve Feet; which narrow Passage is also in a considerable Elbow or Bend in the Road; and the Owner of the Land through which said Road must run, will not consent to have any proper Alteration; and further setting forth, that the two *Cooper's* Ferries are charged equally towards the Building and Maintaining of *Cooper's* and *Pensbawkin* Bridges and Causeways, and therefore ought to stand an equal Chance as to Travellers; and altho' the Petitioners have taken all the Pains in their Power, to get the Owners of the Lands thro' which the Road must run, and the Owners of the said Ferries to agree where *Benjamin Cooper's* Road shall strike off, they cannot effect it; and praying the House will appoint some Persons to lay out and ascertain the said Roads; and setting forth some other Matters in the said Petition; which was read.

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Purposes in the above Petition set forth on *Saturday* next; provided a Copy of this Order shall be served upon *Isaac Cooper*, in the mean Time, and no reasonable Objection shall then appear against the same.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joseph Graisbury*, *Jacob Stokes*, and *Benjamin Graisbury*, of *Gloucester* County, praying a Law to make up, repair and support two Dams on *Newton* Creek and *Atmore's* Creek, in said County, and for draining the Meadows belonging thereto; which was read.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly on *Saturday* next; provided a Copy of this Order shall be in the mean Time, served upon all the Parties concerned, and no reasonable Objection shall then appear against the same.

A Letter was presented, addressed to the House, from *William Morris* of *Trenton*, Esq; setting forth, among other Things, the dangerous Situation of the Bridge over *Affanpink*, at *Trenton*, and praying, that the Township of *Nottingham* may build one Third of the proposed Stone Bridge, as by Law they are already obliged; and further praying the House to take into Consideration, a perpetual Insolvent Act; and likewise to limit the Rights of Possession, to Thirty, Forty or Fifty Years; and setting forth also, that in the Opinion of the Letter Writer, it is now a very improper Time to remove the Court House or divide the County of *Hunterdon*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Flanagan*, a Soldier in the *Jersey* Troops, last Campaign, setting forth, that he has received only £. 5-6-8 of his Pay, when there was £. 14-6-8 due to him, and praying Redress; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Remonstrance was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, and Townships adjacent, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that the Remonstrants have seen in the *Pennsylvania* Gazette, an Advertisement advising that a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the upper Part of that County, was intended to be exhibited to this House, for a Division of said County, or an Erection of a new Court House in, and Removal of the Sittings of the Courts, to the more interior Parts of the County; and praying, for divers Reasons contained in the said Remonstrance, that the Prayer of the above mentioned Petition may not be granted, unless upon certain Conditions in the said Remonstrance specified; and further observing, that the Grievance of Mileage may easily be remedied by adjusting it from the Center; which Remonstrance was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, May 28, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the Sum received*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved,

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Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between the Townships of Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters to and from the Agent; which were read.

The Petition from Messrs. *Clark* and others, praying a Law for Leave to build a Mill or Mills over *Raway* River, and the Papers therewith sent, were read the second Time; and the Petition of *Edward Frazee* against it, was also read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes in the above Petition set forth, on *Tuesday* next; provided a Copy of this Order shall be served in the mean Time upon *Edward Frazee*, and the Objections now offered, or then to be offered on his Part, are not sufficient against it.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring, made the following Report; to wit, That the Bill, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, will expire at the End of this Session; that the Act, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, is expired; that the Act, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hoghead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*, will expire at the End of this Session; and that the Act, entitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*, is expired.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for Revival of the Act, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hoghead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Doughby*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Revival of the Act, intitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*.

Ordered,

That *Fisher*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, be a Committee to bring in the Draught of an Insolvent Act.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *William Mac Donald*, late Major and Commander of the Regiment in the Pay of this Province, setting forth, that the Service the Memorialist was ordered upon to *Detroit* and the Lakes, was of such a Nature, that he could not return within the Time limited by Law; that he has advanced further Pay to the Men, and depends that the House will as usual, approve of his Conduct therein; and further setting forth, that on the Return over *Lake Erie*, on the 18th of *October* last, at Night, by a sudden Sea-rolling in, without a Wind, the *Battoes*

were all driven on Shore, many lost, and most of the Troops lost their Cloaths, and every little Necessary they had; which, with the Loss of the Ammunition and Provisions, reduced the Troops to the greatest Distress; and by a like Misfortune, the small Remains of their Effects were totally lost in the Snow *Johnson*, cast away near *Oswego*; and praying the House to take into their serious Consideration, the Misfortunes and Services of the Troops, who the Memorialisist hopes have acquitted themselves with Reputation, and order them such further Pay as to the House shall seem meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd for an Hour.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the calamitous Situation of the Province, &c. reported, that the said Committees had met several Times in free Conference, and had mutually agreed upon certain Heads of a Bill, to be entitled, *An Act for the regulating the Practice of the Law, &c.* which Heads, by Leave of the House, he reported; and they were respectively read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to bring in a Draught of a Bill, agreeable to the said Heads.

Mr. *Fisber*, from the Committee appointed to bring in the Draught of an Insolvent Act, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, in these Words, viz.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ashfield* and Mr. *Stevens*, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money; and that the Committees do meet for that Purpose, at the Treasury, on Wednesday Morning, at Eight o'Clock.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd*, do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Council Chamber,
May 27, 1765.

By Order of the House,

J. READ, D. Clerk.

The Petition from the Rev. *Colin Campbell*, of *Burlington*, praying a Law to sell certain Lands in the County of *Somerset*, devised to the Ministry of the Church at *Burlington*, and to purchase other Lands near the City of *Burlington*, and for other Purposes in the Will of *Thomas Leciter*, the Donor mentioned; was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from Capt. *Josiah Banks*, praying Redress for the Grievances in the said Petition mentioned; was read a second Time, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the two first Prayers in the Petition abovesaid, be rejected; and that as to the last Prayer, concerning the Pay of the Men for working on the Block-House, the Petitioner be referred to *John Arison*, the Commissary, for his Determination, as by Law authorized.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between the Townships of Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read, and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Borden*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; which was read; and on the Question, whether the Proportions to be fixed in and by the said Bill, be the same between the County of *Hunterdon* and Township of *Nottingham*, as already fixed by Law; or whether the said Proportion be altered? it was carried as follows.

For the Proportion as already fixed.

Mr. <i>Skinner</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Geison</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wetberill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasbey</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Reading</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hogbland</i> ,	

For altering the Proportion.

Mr. <i>R. Lawrence</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Doughty</i> ,
Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Miller</i> .

Ordered,

That the Proportion be as already fixed by Law; and that the said Bill have a second Reading.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed last Session to bring in the Draught of a Bill, to prevent Frauds by Mortgage Deeds, brought in the Draught of a Bill, intituled as aforesaid; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *Gloucester*, for a Bridge over the Mouth of *Raccoon Creek*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

And Mr. *Cooper*, in their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, near the Mouth of said Creek*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Houze*, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a foreign Protestant, born under the Allegiance of a foreign Power in Amity with *Great-Britain*; but hath resided in this Province upwards of ten Years; and praying a Law for his Naturalization; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Four Petitions were presented to the House, from the Townships of *Amwell*, *Alexandria*, *Kingwood*, and *Lebanon*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, severally, signed by a large Number of People; praying, for the Reasons in the said Petitions set forth, a Removal of the Court-House and Goal, from *Trenton* to the Center of the County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from divers Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, including the Grand Jury of that County, setting forth, the Difficulty, Expence and great Hardship of Coroners in performing their Duty; and praying such Fees and Rewards may be allowed them as are adequate to the Burthen and Charge of the Office; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from five Justices and four chosen Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth the Burning of their Court House and Goal, and praying a Law to rebuild the same in such Manner as to the House shall seem meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Bergen*, was presented to the House, praying a Law for appointing Commissioners to lay out a Road from *Bergen Point* along up the Bay, in the most suitable Place, into the Road that leads to *Paulus Hook*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

And a Petition was presented from several Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, in the County of *Essex*, containing, for the Reasons therein set forth, the like Prayer; which was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

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A Petition was presented to the House, from the Rev. *Nathan Ker*, Minister of the Gospel at *Springfield*, in the County of *Essex*, setting forth, that the Petitioner did, in the Year 1763, form an Acquaintance with one *Anna Livermore*, of *Springfield* aforesaid, then esteemed a young Woman of an unblemished Reputation; that he being at that Time a single Man, proceeded with the most honourable Intentions to make to her Proposals of Marriage; these being readily acceded to on her Part, the Petitioner was, on the 8th Day of *November* last, in the Presence of sundry competent Witnesses, joined to her the said *Anna Livermore*, in the lawful Bands of Matrimony; but very soon after, all his Prospects of future Ease and Comfort at once vanished, by discovering Reasons to suspect, that his said Wife was then and had been in pregnant Circumstances at the Time of their Intermarriage; to which, conscious of his own Innocency, he knew he had not himself been accessary; that he did, on the 26th of *December* following, inform her what had been his Suspicions, and whereof he was then positively assured; whereupon the Petitioner's Wife did immediately, and without the least Compulsion or Persuasion, make a frank and voluntary Confession, that she was with Child by one *Nathaniel Potter*, her own Sister's Husband; soon after which, she did, at the Request of the Petitioner, voluntarily declare upon Oath before two Magistrates, that the said *Potter* was the Father of the Child; and that she became pregnant after her Agreement of Marriage with the Petitioner, appears by her own voluntary Confession before two creditable Witnesses; that the Petitioner did from that Time entirely separate himself from her; and she was afterwards, in *February* last, delivered of her spurious Issue; which, with the Mother, the unhappy Petitioner is reduced to the Necessity of supporting by the Laws of the Land, to his great Hardship and intolerable Grievance; and praying such Relief in the Premises, as the Nature of the Case may suggest, and as to the Wisdom of the House shall seem meet and right.

And a Representation or Memorial was presented to the House, from several Ministers of the Gospel, and others, whose Names are thereto subscribed, setting forth, that the Memorialists are perfectly well acquainted with the Rev. Mr. *Nathan Ker*, Minister of a Presbyterian Church in the Borough of *Elizabeth*; that the said Mr. *Ker*, ever since his Appearance in the World, hath sustained an excellent Character, both as a Clergyman and private Gentleman; that the Memorialists are thoroughly informed of his peculiar Circumstances and Hardships with Respect to the subject Matter of a Petition therewith presented; which Petition the Memorialists having read, and knowing the Truth of all the Facts therein set forth, together with several other most aggravating Circumstances, on the Side of a perfidious Woman; and commiserating Mr. *Ker's* unhappy Circumstances, most humbly and earnestly beg Leave to recommend his Case to the serious Consideration and publick Relief of the Legislature, who only can interpose to the Dissolution of a matrimonial Contract; which, as the Memorialists conceive, by all the Laws of Equity and good Conscience, which are the Laws of God, ought no longer to be obligatory upon him; and the said Petition and Representation were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, May 29, 1765.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Godfrey Hancock*, and six others, Owners and Possessors of Meadows on the lower Part of *Affiscock* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that the Petition presented this Session from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows on the upper Parts of the said Creek, for clearing out the same, may not take Effect; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Woodruff*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Thomas Powell*, of *Burlington*, School-Master, giving a particular Detail of his Misfortunes and unfortunate Circumstances, and praying for the Reasons therein set forth, to be included in the Insolvent Act, of this

this Session, or if that is not practicable, then to have a particular Act for his Case; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Bethlehem*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying, for divers Reasons therein set forth, a Removal of the Court-House and Gaol from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or for a Division of said County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial was presented to the House from the Rev. *William Tennent*, setting forth, that he was employed by the late Governor *Bernard*, to prepare the Indians for their Removal from *Cranbury* to *Brotherton*, and to attend them and settle them there: That accordingly he contracted with Persons for supplying them with Waggons, and did attend and settle them at *Brotherton*: That the Memorialist has been informed the Expences of Removal have been paid, but that no Allowance has hitherto been made to the Memorialist, who expended a Fortnight at his own Charges in this Service; and praying proper Satisfaction therefor; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *R. Lawrence* and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to inspect the State of the Act for the Relief of the Poor, and make Report to the House.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear*; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed to bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Preservation of Deer, brought in the said Draught accordingly, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Cornelius Van Vorst*, praying a Law authorizing the Petitioner to establish a Ferry from *Powles-Hook* to the City of *New-York*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the above Purpose, at the next Session of Assembly; provided publick Notice of his Application and this Order, be inserted in the *New-York Gazette*, at least six Weeks before the said Session; and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

The several Petitions and Remonstrances for and against removing the Court-House and Gaol of *Hunterdon*, from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or for a Division of the County; were read the second Time.

And the Consideration thereof is referred till Tuesday next, when the Parties concerned may have an Opportunity of being heard.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, near the Mouth of said Creek*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Hart*.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to*
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keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course open and clear; was read and compared; and on the Question, Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Johnston and Mr. Keasbey, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Owners of the Meadows on the upper Parts of *Effiscunk* Creek, for clearing out the same; and the Petition from the Owners of the Meadows on the lower Parts of the said Creek against it; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred till *Saturday* next; when the several Parties concerned, may have an Opportunity of being heard.

The Petition from *David Long*, and others, praying a Law to regulate the Meadows on the South Branch of *Stow-Creek*, being the Division Line between *Salem* and *Cumberland*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, for the above Purpose, at the next Session of General Assembly; provided publick Notice of their Application and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before the said Session; and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Mr. Johnston reported, that Mr. Keasbey and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petition of the Rev. *Nathan Ker*, praying a Divorce from his present Wife, was read the second Time, together with the Memorial relating thereto; and Mr. Ker attending, was called in, and laid before the House a Variety of Steps he had taken to prove the Facts alledged; and that the requisite Notice of the Application to this House, had been given to his Wife, and published in six different Parishes three Sabbaths successively; that his Wife, according to a Certificate thereof, attested by two Witneses, and laid before the House, had without any Threats or Compulsion consented thereto: And the Honourable *Samuel Woodruff*, Esq; of the Council attending, was also called in, and informed the House, he was present when she was interrogated upon Oath, and that he solemnly put the Question to her, whether she desired her Husband to withdraw while she was examined, as to the Facts which she was about to swear; positively fathering the Child with which she was then pregnant on her Sister's Husband, and that she did not desire, though she was so asked, any private Examination, and did not express any Sign of Compulsion. Then the Gentlemen were desired to withdraw.

The House taking the same into Consideration, and finding notwithstanding the Proofs aforesaid, that the whole of the Woman's Character and Dependance may or may not rest upon it, according to such further Determinations as may now be gone into, a Consideration too important in itself (and abundantly more so in its Consequences if drawn into Precedent) to be proceeded on, without giving the Party the fullest Opportunity of being heard in her own Defence; it is therefore

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred until *Wednesday* next; and that Notice be in the mean Time given to the said *Anna Ker*, then to attend this House, either herself or by some Person on her Behalf, to make Objections (if any she hath) why a Bill should not be brought in according to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Proof of the Service of a Copy of this Order, at least four Days before the said *Wednesday*, be then made before the House.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; praying Leave for the Reasons therein contained, to bring in a Bill, for enabling him to erect a Dam over *Batstow* Creek, near *Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Burlington*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday,

Thursday, May 30, 1765.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in these Words, viz.

Gentlemen,

I Acquainted you some Time ago, that I had, with the unanimous Advice of the Council, appointed Mr. *Read* Chief Justice of this Province; and I have great Reason to think that he executed the Office to the entire Satisfaction of the People. His Majesty has been since pleased to appoint the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; to that Office, who, as appears by the strong Recommendations he has brought with him from the King's Ministers, is every way qualified for the Station. Their Letters to me on the Occasion I herewith communicate, together with a Memorial from five of the principal Lawyers of the Province. The latter, who it must be allowed are some of the most competent Judges here of Mr. *Smyth's* Qualifications for his Post, are of Opinion, that the Salary of Chief Justice is inadequate to his Merit, and to an Office of so great Consequence. I have been long of the same Sentiments, both with Respect to the Salary of Chief Justice; and of the other Justices of the Supreme Court; and therefore think it my Duty to recommend to you, to make such further Provision for their Support as is equal to the Dignity and Importance of their respective Offices. I cannot but hope, that when you consider how much the Lives and Estates of every Man in the Province depend on the having proper Persons to execute those Offices; you will not hesitate to make it worth the while of Gentlemen of such Integrity and Abilities, as are the present Justices of that Court, to continue in their Employments.

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And the said Message, and Memorial therein mentioned, together with several Recommendations of the Chief Justice, from the Right Honourable *George Grenville*, and the Lords of Trade and Plantations; were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, near the Mouth of said Creek*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Parker*, informing the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the same*; without any Amendment.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Peter Hendrick Striepers*, *John Bergers*, *John William Pollman* and *Peter Kurtz*, setting forth, that the Petitioners are Protestants, born under the Allegiance of foreign Powers in Amity with Great-Britain; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through

through his Excellency's Speech, and had come to several Resolutions; which by Leave of the House, he reported, and they are as follows, *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

That his Majesty's Government of *New-Jersey* be honourably supported for one Year, to commence the 21st of *May*, 1765. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That it will be necessary to take into Consideration, some Regulations respecting the Post Roads through this Province, when the Committee appointed at last Session, to consider of a Method for that Purpose, shall make their Report: To which the House agreed.

4. *Resolved,*

That the Militia Act be revived and amended. To which the House agreed.

5. *Resolved,*

That Provision be made for the Pay of the Regiment of this Colony, till their Return. To which the House agreed.

6. *Resolved,*

That a Bounty be allowed on Flax raised in this Province: On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Dougherty,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. Keasbey.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Smith,			

Then the Question was put in the House, whether the said Bounty be paid out of the Treasury, or that each County shall raise it's own Bounty? it was carried as follows:

Out of the Treasury.	By the Counties respectively for themselves.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Borden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Reading,	Mr. Dougherty.
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Wetherill,	
Mr. R. Lawrence,	
Mr. Keasbey.	

7. *Resolved,*

That a Bounty be allowed on Hemp raised in this Province: On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Wetherill.	Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dougherty.
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Keasbey.
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Borden,			

Then the Question was put, whether the same be paid out of the Treasury, or that the Counties respectively, should pay their own Bounty? it was carried as follows.

Out of the Treasury.	By the Counties respectively for themselves.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Borden,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Reading,	Mr. Dougherty,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Wetherill,	
Mr. R. Lawrence,	
Mr. Fisher,	
Mr. Hogbland,	
Mr. Van Gieson,	
Mr. Dey,	
Mr. Keasbey.	

8. *Resolved,*

That a Bounty be allowed on raising Mulberry Trees, for the Sake of the Timber, and the Culture of Silk within this Province. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *John Ogden*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Reading*, and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to bring in the Draught of an Act, for laying the Bounties aforesaid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hogbland*, Mr. *Keasbey*, Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill, to revive and amend the Militia Law.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill, to provide for the Pay of the Regiment, till their return Home.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of a Bill for the Preservation of Sheep, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act*, entitled, *An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Honourable *John Stevens*, Esq; in Behalf of himself and others, Proprietors of a Tract of Land in the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in the County of *Essex*, commonly called the Point Tract; praying, for the Reasons therein contained, a Law to alter so much of the Six Rod Road through this Province as passes through the Tract aforesaid, by reducing a considerable Bend or Elbow therein, to one strait Line, from the North Side of the Point House to the Place where the Road from *Elizabeth-Town* enters the Tract aforesaid; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Richard Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsack*, reported the said Bill, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, informing the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between the Townships of Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same*, passed the Council this Day without Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, May 31, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, near the Mouth of said Creek*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Preservation of Timber, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogshead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Joseph Burr*, jun. of *Northampton*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that the Petitioner about the Year 1760, erected a Saw-Mill and Dam upon the South Branch of *Ancocas Creek*, called *Eyre's Mill Creek*; which Mill is serviceable to the adjacent Neighbours; and the Petitioner hath kept, and hereafter for his own Interest, must and shall keep and maintain good and sufficient Flood Gates and Water Ways at his own Cost and Charge; but the Petitioner has of late been informed, that an Act of Assembly passed in the Year 1755, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which Act the Petitioner, until lately, was totally unacquainted with; and praying the Legislature will be pleased to uphold him in keeping up and maintaining the said Mill Dam and Water Works; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Johnston* reported; that Mr. *Dey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed to bring in the Draught of a Bill to regulate the Practice of the Law, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Borden*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to constitute and make Crosswicks Creek a good and lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry, down to the Mouth of the same*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Doughby*.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed last Session to consider where the Post Roads of this Province may be shortened, made the following Report, viz.

' The Committee appointed by the Order of this House on the 24th Day of February, 1764, do report,

' THAT in Pursuance of said Order, they have procured all the Information in their Power, relative to the great Roads leading through this Province, between *Philadelphia* and *New-York*, and have procured actual Surveys of the greatest Part thereof; which they have got reduced to a Map, and now lay before the House for their better Information; in which the pricked Lines represent the Roads as they now run, and the black Lines represent the strait Roads, which this Committee think practicable and commodious, as well to the People of this Province, as to those of the neighbouring Governments passing through it.---The Committee beg Leave to observe, that by the proposed Method of laying out the Roads, the Distance from *Burlington* to *Perth-Amboy*, the two Capitals of this Province, will be reduced from 48 to about 40 Miles and a Half; the Distance from *Borden-Town* to *Perth-Amboy* from near 38 Miles to 32 Miles; and that the strait Road from *Burlington* to *Perth-Amboy* passes through *Borden-Town* and *Cranbury*, which are at convenient Distances and commodious Stages for Travellers.---That the proposed Road from *Burlington* to *Elizabeth-Town*, through *Borden-Town*, *Kingslon* and *New-Brunswick*, will reduce the Distance from 66 Miles to 53 Miles; that the proposed Road from *Trenton* to *Elizabeth-Town*, through

through *Princetown, Kingston and New-Brunswick*, will reduce the Distance from 50 to 42 Miles; that they apprehend the Bridges necessary on the proposed Road will be few, and not attended with very great Expence.---That as to the Quality of the Soil through which the proposed Roads are to pass, your Committee on the Whole think it is at least as good for Roads, as the Soil through which they now pass.---That your Committee is of Opinion, that the establishing Turnpikes on the new Roads, with moderate Tolls on Horses, Carriages; &c. will be very advantageous to this Province; as by this Method, the publick Expence necessary for making them, will be repaid by those who have the Use of them, and who are chiefly resident out of this Province.

All which is humbly submitted by your Committee.

C. SKINNER; from the Committee.

And on the Question, whether a Committee shall be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Expediency and Means of shortening the said Roads? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered;

That Mr. Skinner, Mr. Wetberill, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Borden, Mr. Van Gieson, and Mr. Reading, be a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Council, as aforesaid; and that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Dey, do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them therewith; and desire the Council to appoint a Committee to join with a Committee of this House, and to appoint Time and Place of Meeting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ashfield, informing the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear*; without Amendment.

And also another Message by Mr. Ashfield, desiring the Concurrence of this House, to a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Anderson reported, that Mr. Dey and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

In Pursuance of an Order of last Session, Mr. Dey brought in a Bill to oblige the Officers to account for the Militia Fines; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Militia Act.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ladd, in these Words, viz.

Ordered,

Council Chamber, May 31, 1765.

That Mr. Ladd do acquaint the House of Assembly, that Lord Stirling, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Parker, are appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the subject Matter of the Message from the Assembly this Day; and that the Committees do meet in the Council Chamber at five o'Clock this Afternoon.

By Order of the House,

J. READ, D. Clerk.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Hart.

The several Petitions from the County of *Middlesex*, for re-building the Court-House and Gaol, and for and against removing the same from *Perth-Amboy*; were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether this House will fix the Place where the said Court-House and Gaol shall be or not? it was carried in the Negative.

Y E A S.

YEAS.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Borden,

YEAS.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Reading.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetberill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey,

NAYS.

Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Krasbey,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Hart.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetberill*, Mr. *R. Lawrence* and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the erecting a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Middlesex*, at such Place where the chosen Freeholders of that County, or a Majority of them, shall chuse for that Purpose.

A Petition was presented to the House from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Evesham*, in the County of *Burlington*, complaining of the Mischiefs occasioned by Fairs in this Province; and praying for their total Abolition; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of this Province, residing at the *Minisinks*, over the blue Mountains, praying, for the Reasons contained in their Petition, that they may not be deprived of having the Privilege of the Fishery in the River *Delaware*, above the Mountains, with Pounds, Wears, &c. And a Certificate was also presented from *John Roscrants*, and others whose Names are subscribed thereto, setting forth, that the Subscribers have used the Navigation of the *Delaware* River for some Years past, and that they have not at any Time met with any Obstruction in the Navigation above the Water Gap; but at all Times when the Boats can pass the Falls and Riffs, they can with Ease and Safety pass over the Dams and Pounds in the River; which Petition and Certificate were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, setting forth, that the Planters of these Northern Colonies, have hitherto relied for their principal Support upon the Provisions they have raised for the *West-India* Markets, and while that Staple could be vended in all the Islands indiscriminately, it bore a Price sufficient to enable them to pay the vast Sums for which they continually became indebted to *Great Britain*, for Cloathing and other Manufactures; that in Consequence of the late Parliamentary Restraints upon the Trade of the Continental Colonies, Provisions which can now only be vended in the British *West-India* Islands, have so greatly sunk in Value and Demand, that the Northern Planters are in Danger of being exposed to the greatest Distress and Misery, unless some other more profitable Means of cultivating their Lands can be fallen upon; that the Petitioners conceive the raising of Hemp would greatly relieve the Country, and that it would be generally attempted and practised, if a Bounty was given to the first Adventurers; and therefore praying the Legislature would establish some suitable and secure Bounty upon Hemp to be raised within this Province; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 1, 1765.

The House met.

The Petition for altering the Course of the River *Passaick*, was read the second Time,
Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose at next Session; provided Notice of their Application and this Order be inserted in the *New-York Gazette*, and affixed at three adjoining Churches, at least Six Weeks before said Session, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to constitute and make Crosswicks Creek a good and lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry, down to the Mouth of the same*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their
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Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Ogden and Mr. Van Gieson, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Township of *Chesterfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, for a Law to repair the Highways in that Township by Tax; was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether Leave be granted to bring in a Bill for that Purpose or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. Borden in their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. John Ogden reported, that Mr. Van Gieson and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Hogbland, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Messrs. *Bartow* and *Smyth*, of *Pertb-Amboy*, about their Lots near the Barracks there; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Hart, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to remedy the Complaint in the said Petition set forth, and for appointing Persons to take Care of the Barracks in this Colony, and the Furniture therein contained, &c.

The several Petitions from the Coroners of *Burlington* and *Cumberland* Counties, praying a Law to settle their Fees; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to further Consideration.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey*; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and several additional Amendments made thereto in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

According to Order, the Parties for and against a Dam over *Newton* Creek, in the County of *Gloucester*, attending, were called in, and their several Allegations fully heard; and on the Question, whether Leave be given to bring in a Bill for erecting a Dam across the said Creek? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly for a Bill, in which *Thomas Atmore* be exempted from any Part of the Expence of said Dam.

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According to Order, the Parties for and against a Bill for clearing out *Effisconk* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, attending, were called in; and their several Allegations fully heard; and on the Question, whether the Petitioners for clearing the said Creek, have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

The several Petitions from the Foreigners, praying to be naturalized; were read the second Time; and the Petitioners produced a Certificate to the House of their having taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration enjoined by Law.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* in their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman, and Peter Kurtz;* which was read; and ordered a second Reading.

A Letter was presented to the House, from the Honourable *Charles Read*, Secretary of this Colony, setting forth, that a Practice has obtained in this Province, of sending Subpœnas *Ducens Tecum* to the Secretary, to bring to the Court in any County where the Trial happens to be, such Books of Record as they mention; which Practice subjects the Records to the Casualties of Fire, as well as many other Accidents; and the very Carriage of heavy Books much hurts them; and praying the Legislature to restrain that Practice, so that the Records should not be removed out of the publick Offices further than the Court held in the same Town, but that Office or sworn Copies should be as effectual and valid, and allowed Evidence; and further praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that upon Trials, the Titles to *East-Jersey* Lands need not be deduced higher than from Sir *George Carteret*, and those of *West-Jersey*, from *Edward Byllinge*; which Letter was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, June 3, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to constitute and make Croffwicks Creek a good and lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry, down to the Mouth of the same;* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey,* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman and Peter Kurtz,* was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman and Peter Kurtz,* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

According to Leave, Mr. *Cooper* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, to repair and maintain a Bank and other Water Works, heretofore erected and make across the said Creek; and to keep the former Water Course of the said Creek open and clear;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Van Gieson*, in Pursuance of the Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Four Petitions were presented to the House and read, from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, setting forth, the great Evils attending Fairs in this Province; and praying, that they may be totally suppressed; which were ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the three Bills with them intrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Van Gieson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, from the first Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, to the Twentieth Day of December following; and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Collum*, setting forth, that the Petitioner hath for these Eight Years last past, been under an Execution in a very vexatious, and as he conceives a very unnatural Suit, brought against him by *Rebecca Wells*, his Mother-in-Law, who very soon after deceased; and by Virtue of an Insolvent Act; he was discharged about Four Years ago; but one of the Justices after said Discharge, not continuing in the same Mind, it was ordered that the Petitioner should still stand bound by the said Execution; that the Executors of the said deceased Plaintiff, are willing, and very desirous, that he may have Relief; and tho' he hath not been closely confined, yet he is rendered incapable of engaging in any Business, as he has had frequent Opportunities of doing within that Time; and praying the House to take his particular Case into their Consideration, and grant such Relief as in their Wisdom they shall think meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Resolved,

That *John Stevens*, Esq; Paymaster of the *Jersey Troops*, in 1757, do allow to *William Mac Craiken*, Serjeant in the said Troops, £. 60, in full of Recompence for his Pay and Time spent in Captivity, and in returning to this Province.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof,* was read the second Time; and committed to Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

A Petition was presented to the House from several of the Creditors of *Thomas Powell*, of *Burlington*, Schoolmaster, setting forth Reasons why the Prayer of the said *Powell's* Petition for an insolvent Act should not be granted; and praying to be heard before the House on the subject Matter of that Petition; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 4, 1765.

The House met.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Smith and Mr. J. Ogden.

Mr. Wetberill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to Leave, Mr. Skinner, in Behalf of the Rev. Colin Campbell, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Rev. Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington; with the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church; and other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Spicer and Mr. R. Lawrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, to repair and maintain a Bank, and other Water Works, heretofore erected and made across the said Creek, and to keep the former Water Course of the said Creek open and clear*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Doughy.

A Petition was presented to the House signed by *Robert Pearson, Isaac Pearson, Joseph Saltar* and *John Watson*, praying a Law to make that Part of *Delaware River*, between *Duck Island* and the *Jersey Shore*, and *Watson's Creek*, as far up as *Mr. Saltar's Bank*, a good and lawful Fence; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, containing divers Remarks of a Committee of the Inhabitants of the upper Part of the County of *Hunterdon*, on the Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Trenton*, &c. and repeating the former Prayers for a Removal of the Court House and Gaol from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or for a new County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Hezekiah Duffin*, setting forth sundry Services on the Frontiers, and praying Recompence therefor; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry Magistrates, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, whose Names are thereto subscribed, complaining of the Mode of Taxation appointed by the late Act for the Relief of the Poor; and praying such Alteration therein, as the House in their Wisdom shall think proper; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Ephraim Biggs*, setting forth, that the Petitioner has lately been confined in *Burlington* Prison on several Actions of Debt, by certain of his Creditors residing in *Philadelphia*; which Creditors have falsely reported, that he removed his Family into *New-Jersey* with a Design to defraud his said Creditors; but he had no such Design, neither did he abscond; but to convince the World that he is determined to do every Thing in his Power to satisfy his Creditors, he is and will be willing to deliver up to such Assignees as his Creditors shall appoint, all and singular his Effects, as also his Bonds and Book Debts, and shall give them convincing Proofs, as well by Oath as otherwise, that he has acted candidly; and also setting forth, that he has a Wife and Four Children, who will be reduced to great Distress by the Confinement of his Person; and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

And two Letters were laid before the House, the One from *Thomas Clifford*, Creditor, the other from *James Kinsey*, Esq; his Attorney, setting forth several Reasons why the Prayer of the said *Biggs's* Petition ought not to be granted; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The several Petitions and Remonstrance from *Hunterdon*, for and against removing the Court House and Gaol of that County from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or for a new County, were again read; and the Parties for and against the said Removal attending, were called in, and their several Allegations fully heard; and on the Question, the Consideration thereof is referred till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, June 5, 1765.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions and Remonstrance from *Hunterdon*, for and against the Removal of the Court-House and Gaol from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or for a new County; and on the Question, whether the Court House and Gaol shall be removed from *Trenton* to the Center of the County, or not? it was carried as follows:

YEAS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Anderfon*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Kestbey*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Reading*.

NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *John Ogden*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Doughty*,

NAYS.
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Hart*.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for the Removal, have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed last Session to settle the *Trenton* Barrack Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

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The Province of New-Jersey, to John Allen,

To sundry Disbursements for building the Barracks at <i>Trenton</i> , per Account and Vouchers examined, - - - - -	£. 812:07:04
To Commissions on Ditto, at 5 per Cent. - - - - -	40:12:00
To Commissions as Barrack Master to December 16, 1763, is four Years and nine Months, at 10 l. per Annum - - - - -	47:10:00
To Ditto from December 16, 1763, to May 1, 1764, at 20 l. per Annum. - - - - -	7:10:00
To sundry Disbursements as Barrack Master, - - - - -	132:14:10
	<u>£. 1040:14:02</u>

N. B. We find by Vouchers produced to us, that *Theophilus Severns*, Esq; has received of the publick Money as Commissioner for building the Barracks, Three Hundred Eighty-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings, which we find impossible to settle at this Time, he having absconded the Province.

On a Motion made,

Mr. *Spicer*, by Order of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act*, entitled, *An Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods, Marshes and Meadows*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *John Stevens*, Esq; in Behalf of himself and others, praying Leave to shorten and straiten Part of the Six Rod Road through this Province, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes in their Petition mentioned.

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Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer, to the
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1760.	To Ballance reported this Day to the Council and Assembly, £. 2000:13:06½	
Nov. 20.	To Cash of <i>D. Smith</i> , on Account of <i>Burlington</i> Loan Office	
	Deficiency, - - - - -	351:16:06
		<u>£. 2352:10:00½</u>
	To Cash payable on the Sinking Funds this Year, viz.	
	From <i>Morris</i> and <i>Suffex</i> , - - - - -	918:09:04
	<i>Gloucester</i> , - - - - -	1292:05:10
	<i>Cumberland</i> , - - - - -	585:09:05½
	<i>Hunterdon</i> , - - - - -	2343:04:08½
	<i>Salem</i> , - - - - -	1154:13:04
	<i>Burlington</i> , - - - - -	2067:00:09
	<i>Cape-May</i> , - - - - -	276:04:01½
		<u>8637:07:06</u>
	To Cash received of <i>D. Cooper</i> , being what was reported to be outstanding in the County of <i>Gloucester</i> , - - - - -	24:13:07½
	To Cash of <i>D. Smith</i> , on Account of <i>Burlington</i> Loan Office	
	Deficiency, - - - - -	105:00:00
1761.	To Cash payable on the Sinking Funds this Year, viz.	
Nov. 20.	<i>Morris</i> and <i>Suffex</i> , - - - - -	779:11:02½
	<i>Gloucester</i> , - - - - -	1096:16:09½
	<i>Cumberland</i> , - - - - -	496:18:06
	<i>Hunterdon</i> , - - - - -	1988:15:11
	<i>Salem</i> , - - - - -	980:09:07½
	<i>Burlington</i> , - - - - -	1754:09:11
	<i>Cape-May</i> , - - - - -	234:08:08
		<u>7331:10:07½</u>
	To Cash of <i>D. Smith</i> , in Part of <i>Burlington</i> Loan Office Deficiency, - - - - -	220:00:00
	To Ditto of Ditto, - - - - -	358:03:06
		<u>578:03:06</u>
		<u>19029:05:03½</u>
	To Ballance carried to General Account, - - - - -	26434:03:02½
		<u>£. 45463:08:06</u>

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By Cash received of <i>Samuel Smith, Esq;</i>	£. 972:13:00
<i>Ballance due to John Allen,</i>	68:01:02
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	£. 1040:14:02

We the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the above Account, and Vouchers relating thereto, and do find a Ballance due to *John Allen, Esq;* of Sixty Eight Pounds, One Shilling and Two-pence, from the Province of *New-Jersey*.

Trenton, April 18, 1764.

HENDRICK FISHER.
GEORGE READING.
JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
JOHN LAWRENCE.

The Petitions from *Bergen* and *Elizabeth-Town*, for a Road from *Bergen Point* along up the Bay into the Road that leads to *Paulus Hook*, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Matter of the said Petitions be referred to further Consideration, or that the usual Order be entered for a Bill to be brought in, at next Sessions upon Notice? it was carried for referring.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the subject Matter of the said Petitions, be referred to further Consideration.

The Act, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *J. Ogden*, Mr. *R. Lawrence* and Mr. *Cooper*.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Western Treasurer's Accounts, made the following Reports. To which the House agreed.

Province of New-Jersey :
Funds.

Cr.

By current Bills of Credit cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders, as per their Certificate in <i>May 1761</i> , and burned by the Committees,	£. 10000:00:00
By Ditto cancelled by Ditto, as per their Certificate <i>May 1762</i> , and burned by the Committees,	10306:02:03
By Ditto cancelled by Ditto, as per Certificate <i>May 1763</i> , and burned by the Committees,	12079:02:00
By Ditto cancelled by Ditto, as per Certificate <i>May 1764</i> , and burned by the Committees	6003:08:03
By ditto cancelled by Ditto, as per Certificate <i>May 1765</i> , and burned by the Committees,	7074:16:00
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	£. 45463:08:06

Dr.

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Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer, to the
In the War

1760.	To Ballance reported to the Council and Assembly,	-	-	£. 9335:17:05
Nov. 22.	To Cash returned by <i>Jos. Harrison</i>	-	-	96:13:11½
	To Ditto returned by <i>Robert Friend Price</i> ,	-	-	64:12:06
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>P. Middagh</i> ,	-	-	208:17:06
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Hendrick Fisher</i>	-	-	224:14:09
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>John Hogbland</i> ,	-	-	49:18:03
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>William Skeeles</i> ,	-	-	£. 52:01:03
	by <i>Thomas Scattergood</i> ,	-	-	21:19:06
	by <i>Hugh Hartshorne</i> ,	-	-	142:02:05
				<u>216:03:02</u>
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>John Stevens</i> ,	-	-	35:02:07¾
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Robert Ogden</i> ,	-	-	16:13:09
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Jelf and Abraham Clark</i> ,	-	-	18:05:02½
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>John Stevens</i> ,	-	-	138:05:03½
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Charles Read</i> , the Ballance of the Indian	-	-	
	Purchase, and Part of the Ballance of the Indian Treaty,	-	-	17:05:02
1761.				
May 26,	To new Money of <i>Thomas Rodman</i> , a Signer,	-	-	9749:02:00
June 25,	To Ditto of Ditto, the Remainder of one Moiety of the	-	-	
	l. 25000, and l. 3:2 over.	-	-	2754:00:00
				<u>12503:02:00</u>
1762.				1436:00:00
May 5,	To Cash returned by <i>Thomas Rodman</i> ,	-	-	
June 12,	To new Money of <i>Thomas Rodman</i> , a Signer of the last	-	-	
	l. 30,000.	-	-	3150:00:00
14,	To Ditto, Ditto.	-	-	8139:00:00
19,	To Ditto, Ditto.	-	-	3606:00:00
	To Ditto, Ditto.	-	-	105:00:00
				<u>15,000:00:00</u>
Sept. 22,	To Cash returned by <i>Hugh Hartshorne</i> ,	-	-	.69:16:00½
23,	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Joseph Hollinshead</i> ,	-	-	129:14:00
24,	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Ditto</i> ,	-	-	453:15:03
	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Thomas Rodman</i> ,	-	-	11:16:10½
1763.				38:00:00
June 6.	To Ditto, Ditto by <i>Aaron Leaming</i> ,	-	-	
1764.				
Jan. 24.	To new Money of <i>R. Smith</i> , in Part of the last Emission,	-	-	3135:00:00
April 15.	To Ditto of Ditto, of the Emission of <i>December</i> , 1763,	-	-	1500:00:00
	To Ditto Ditto, of the Emission in <i>April</i> , 1764,	-	-	2748:00:00
May 15.	To Ditto, Ditto, Remainder of the Emission of <i>December</i>	-	-	365:00:00
June 18.	To Ditto, Ditto, Part of the Emission of 1764,	-	-	1200:00:00
1765.				
Jan. 23.	To Ditto, Ditto, the Remainder of one Moiety of the last	-	-	
	l. 25000 Emission,	-	-	8552:02:00
				<u>17500:02:00</u>
Feb. 9.	To Cash returned by <i>James Parker</i> , Esq; on Account of the	-	-	
	Province Lotteries,	-	-	118:00:00
May 23,	To Ditto returned by <i>John Arifon</i> , Commissary on the	-	-	
	Frontier Service,	-	-	48:00:00
				<u>£. 57730:15:09½</u>

Dr.

Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer, to the
Support of

1760.				£. 2130:11:10¾
Novem. 20.	To Ballance reported to the Council and Assembly,	-	-	
	Ballance carried to the General Account	-	-	1162:14:10¾
				<u>£. 3293:06:09½</u>

Province of New-Jersey :

Cr.

Funds.

1765.
May 29,By fundry Vouchers from No. 149 to No. 309 all examined, allowed
and endorsed this Day

£. 40049:16:06

Ballance carried to General Account,

17680:19:03½

£. 57730:15:09½

Province of New-Jersey:

Cr.

Government.

By fundry Vouchers from No. 1, to No. 148, allowed and endorsed by the
Committees,£. 3293:06:09½

Dr.

Samuel Smith, Esq. Treasurer, to the
General

To Balance brought from the War Funds,	£. 17680:19:03½
To Balance in the Treasurer's Favour, and for which he is to be credited in the Parliamentary Donation Money, when the same shall be settled,	9915:18:09½
	27596:18:01½

<i>Memorandum.</i> The following Arrears, as reported in 1760, appear to be still outstanding;	
In Burlington County, an old Arrear in the Loan Office, as per Report in 1753,	£. 18:08:11½
Ditto in Ditto, as per Ditto	13:07:02½
Ditto Cape-May, in 1738,	04:07½
	£. 32:00:09
An Arrear in Burlington, as per Report in 1753,	1:13:03
Ditto in Salem, as per Ditto,	3:00:06
An Arrear outstanding in Salem Loan Office Money,	463:04:06
Deficiency in Hunterdon in the 1. 6000 Tax in June, 1752, as per Report in 1753;	6:00:00
Ditto in Ditto, as per Ditto,	1:11:09½

By Order of the Committee;

Errors excepted, June 5, 1765.

JOHN STEVENS,
JOHN WETHERILL.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Edmond Milne*, of *Philadelphia*, one of the Creditors of *Rowland Ellis*, setting forth Reasons why the said *Ellis* should not have any Benefit from the Act of Insolvency now before the House; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Doughty*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, to repair and maintain a Bank and other Water Works, heretofore erected and made across the said Creek, and to keep the former Water Course of the said Creek open and clear*, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had come to several Resolutions; which, by Leave of the House, he reported as follows:

1. Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq*; Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum, to commence the 21st Day of May last; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Doughty,
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Hogbland,	Mr. Keafley,	Who voted for £. 1000.
Mr. Van Gieson,	Mr. Reading,	
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Hart,	

Province of New-Jersey: Cr.
Account.

By Balance brought from the Sinking Funds, £. 26434: 03 02½
By Balance brought from Support of Government, 1162: 14: 10½

£. 27596: 18: 01½

2. To the Honourable Frederick Smyth, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
3. To the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, Fifty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
4. To the Honourable John Berrien, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, Fifty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
5. To Cortland Skinner, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, Thirty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
6. To Samuel Smith and Stephen Skinner, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, each Forty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
7. To Charles Read, Esq; Clerk of the Council, Thirty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
8. To Joseph Sherwood, Esq; Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
9. To Joseph Warrell, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, Twenty Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
10. To the Door-keeper of the Council, Ten Pounds per Annum. To which the House agreed.
11. To his Excellency William Franklin, Esq; Sixty Pounds per Annum, for House Rent; provided he makes Perth-Ambey or Burlington the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.
12. To the Honourable Frederick Smyth, Esq; Chief Justice, the Sum of £. 87-6, in full of his Salary, from the Date of his Commission, to the 21st of May last. To which the House agreed.
13. To the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, £. 27-1-8, in full of his Salary from the Sixth Day of November last, to the Twenty-first Day of May last. To which the House agreed.
14. To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each Time. To which the House agreed.
15. To each of the Council for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time, Six Shillings per Diem. To which the House agreed.

16. To

16. To *Richard Smith*, one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; also *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning 90 Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Journal, and Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer; and to the said *Richard Smith*, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Business of this Session. To which the House agreed.

17. To the Secretary, for copying the publick Laws to send home to *England*, during the Continuance of said Act, *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning 90 Words to the Sheet. To which the House agreed.

18. To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit; also to each of the said Treasurers £. 15, for their extraordinary Services. To which the House agreed.

19. To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Johnston*, *Heidrick Fisher*, *John Wetherill*, *John Hogblond*, *John Ogden*, *Daniel Doughty*, and *John Lawrence*, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

20. To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

21. To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

22. To the Door-Keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six Pence per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

23. To *Samuel Smith*, Esq; to pay *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds* Sterling per Year, for petty Expences, for each of the Years 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, and 1765; what he has already received thereof to be reckoned in Part of the same. To which the House agreed.

24. To the Secretary, for Expences to this Time, in full of his Account, *Thirty Seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two Pence*. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 6, 1765.

The House met.

A Message from the Governor.

Gentlemen,

IN all of His Majesty's Governments in *America*, which have been settled for any Length of Time, a House is provided at the publick Expence for the Residence of the Governor, except in this Colony. And though no Building has been yet erected here for that Purpose, it seems plain by the Words of the annual Support Acts, that it was never the Intention of the Assembly of this Province to let the Governor be put to any Expence for the Want of such Building. The Words I allude to are these, *viz.* "And whereas it is necessary that the present Governor should be provided with a House to live in until one shall be provided for that Purpose, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be paid to His Excellency, &c. Sixty Pounds per Annum for House Rent, provided he makes *Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence."

On my Arrival I was obliged to remain a considerable Time in very inconvenient Lodgings. There was no House any ways suitable to be hired at *Amboy*; and at *Burlington* there was none other than the one wherein I now reside; which I with Difficulty (as is well known to some of the Members of your House) obtain'd for the Rent allowed by the Province, and on Condition that I would moreover be at the Expence of all Repairs. It is true, I was offered, by private Persons, in case I would reside in another Place, to be furnished with a handsome House in compleat Order, with many other Necessaries, clear of all Expence; but as it appeared, by the Acts beforementioned, to be the Inclination of the Assembly, that the Governor should dwell in one or other of the Capitals, I would not consent to the Proposal, nor to several other of the like Kind which were made to me. I therefore agreed to pay the Rent demanded;

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but before I could move into the House, and afterwards, I was under the Necessity of expending a considerable Sum in Repairs. I have not, however, made any that were unnecessary, nor indeed all that I should have thought requisite for the Accommodation of my Family, if the House had been my own, or if it had been let to me on a longer Lease.

Now, as I had not the usual Sum allowed to a Governor on his Arrival, which was generally sufficient to defray not only the Expence of his Voyage, but to repair a House for his Residence; and as no Governor in any of the King's Colonies where a House is provided by the Publick, is ever put to the Expence of keeping such House in Repair, I hope it will not be thought improper to lay before you an Account of the Money I have expended in repairing the House in which I now reside.

If it should be urged, that tho' I did not receive the usual Sum on my Arrival, yet an Addition was made to my Salary; I would just observe, that it will be upwards of Three Years from my first coming into the Province before that Addition will put me on an equal Footing with former Governors; and that it is likewise no Ways proportioned to the encreased Expence of Living as Governor in this Province, nor to the encreased Abilities of the People, since the original Salary was first established.

After all, *Gentlemen*, as it is my fix'd Intention never to ask any Thing of you but what, if I was myself one of the Representatives of the People, I should think it my Duty to grant; so if upon due Consideration of the Matter you should be of Opinion, that the Province can, consistent with Honour, refuse to pay the Account now exhibited, I am far from desiring it.

Burlington, June 3, 1765.

W. FRANKLIN.

And the said Message and Account therein mentioned, were read; and on the Question, whether the said Account or any Part thereof, be allowed or not? it passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the Bill for Support of Government, as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

Mr. Reading, in Pursuance of Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, to erect a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in said County*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

It appearing by the Testimony of *Jacob Stokes*, that he had served *Isaac Cooper* with Notice to appear and make his Objections, according to the Order of the House; and no Objections being made,

Mr. Cooper, by Order of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act passed in the First Year of King George the Third, intitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. R. Lawrence, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; reported the said Bill with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Rev. Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington, with the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church; and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Berden.

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The several Petitions of *Thomas Powell*, and his Creditors, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard before the House, on the subject Matter of their Petitions, To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Fisher*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Keafsey*.

The Petition from *Robert Pearson*, and others, for making a Part of *Delaware River* a lawful Fence; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Session of General Assembly; provided Notice of their Application and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazettee*, at least Six Weeks before the said Session, and no reasonable Objections shall then be made against the same.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Expediency and Means of shortning the Post Roads in this Province; reported, that the said joint Committees had met several Times in free Conference, and had mutually agreed to make the following Report, *viz.*

‘ The Committees appointed by both Houses, to confer on the Expediency and Means of shortning the Post Roads of this Province, after several Conferences, agreed to the following Report, *viz.*

‘ The joint Committees are unanimously of Opinion, that it will be highly beneficial to this Province, to straiten the Great Roads through it; and particularly that there be a strait Road from *Burlington* to *Borden-Town*; from thence a strait Road to *Cranbury*; and from thence a strait Road to the Ferry-House opposite to *Perth-Amboy*; also that the Road be made strait from *Trenton* to *Prince-Town*; thence to *Kingston*; thence to *Brunswick*, and thence strait to *Elizabeth-Town*: Also that the Road be made strait from *Borden-Town* to *Trenton*, and from *Borden-Town* to *Kingston*, and from *Brunswick* to *Perth-Amboy*; and from *Perth-Amboy* to *Elizabeth-Town*, through *Woodbridge*; or at least so near strait Lines as the Nature of the Country, and of the Rivers and Streams, will admit of.

‘ And it is proposed to the House of Assembly, that Commissioners be appointed to survey and run out, the several Roads beforementioned; that they carefully view the Nature of the Country through which they pass, the Fitness of the Soil for Roads, and the Streams over which Bridges should be erected, to make the Roads commodious: And that the said Commissioners do report their Opinion thereon, to the House, at their next Session; with an Account of the Practicability of the Road, according to those strait Lines; or with such Alterations of the strait Lines, as they may think will make the Roads more practicable; with an Estimate of the Expence of the Whole, and of the several Parts thereof; and also of the Damage it may occasion to any Person, through whose Lands it may pass.

‘ It is also proposed to the House of Assembly, in order to establish a Fund for defraying the Expence of making these Roads, or such of them as shall hereafter be agreed to; that One, Two, or Three yearly Lotteries be erected, the Profits of which to be placed in the Treasury, or in the Hands of Commissioners; and also that these Commissioners be impowered to receive Donations; and all the Monies so raised or received, to be applied for those Purposes, and the Commissioners be made accountable for the same.’

June 5, 1765.

By Order of the Committees,

STIRLING, for the Council.

CORT. SKINNER, for the Committee of the Assembly.

And

And the said Report was read ; and on the Question, whether a Committee shall be appointed to bring in a Bill, appointing Commissioners to survey, run out, and report a State of the Roads above-mentioned ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Skinner and Mr. J. Lawrence, be a Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Skinner according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town, to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Point Traet, and laying out a strait Road through the same* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Reverend Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington, with the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church ; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church ; and other Purposes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported the same with one Amendment ; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendment in it's Place ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, to repair and maintain a Bank, and other Water Works, heretofore erected and made across the said Creek, and to keep the former Waier Course of the said Creek open and clear*, was read and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned* ; was read and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Keasbey, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House from Rowland Ellis, controverting some of the Facts set forth in Edmond Milne's Petition preferred to this House ; and praying that the Petitioner may not be debarred the Benefit of the Insolvent Act ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Skinner, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware ; and to prevent the Obstructions in the Navigation thereof*, reported the said Bill without any Amendment ; and the said Bill was read ; and on the Question, whether the same be agreed to or not ? it was carried in the Negative, as follows, viz.

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Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence.
Mr. Borden,

Y E A S.

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Spicer.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,

N A Y S.

Mr. Dey,
Mr. Doughtry,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

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Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Keasbey and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to Mr. Parker, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Borden and Mr. Hart.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 7, 1765.

The House met.

A Letter was laid before the House, directed to the Speaker, from the Rev. Nathaniel Ker, of Elizabeth-Town, informing the House, that when he returned, he found the poor Lady mentioned in his Petition, mourning bitterly her unhappy Fortune; and he making to her Proposals of Separation, she told him, that if they must separate, altho' to her it was like Death, she would leave the Terms to him; and that upon the Whole, her Behaviour was such as excited his tenderest Compassion, especially when he considered what an artful Man seduced her; and her Posture, her Looks and Entreaties were such, as renders him incapable of proceeding; and praying Leave to withdraw his Petition; which Letter was read;

Ordered,

That he have Liberty to withdraw his Petition.

The Bill, entitled; *A Supplement to an Act passed in the first Year of King George the Third, entitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Keasbey.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read; and the Amendments in their Places, and additional Amendments made in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Reverend Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington, with the Church Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church; and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Borden, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town, to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and laying out a strait Road through the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Johnston and Mr. J. Ogden.

According to Order of Yesterday, Thomas Powell and some of his Creditors attending, were called in, and their several Allegations fully heard; and on the Question, the Consideration thereof is referred till the Afternoon.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Stevens*, informing the House, that the Council have made sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen-Point, to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River, &c.* to which they desired the Concurrence of this House: And Mr. *Stevens* also brought the said Bill and Amendments.

A Petition was presented to the House from *James Brooks, Esq;* Sheriff of *Middlesex* County, setting forth, that the Petitioner arrested *Peter Ten Eyck*, for considerable Sums; for which the said *Peter* procured no Bail; but contrary to the Petitioner's Expectation, absconded and kept in the County of *Somerset*; that the Petitioner upon diligent Enquiry, found and apprehended the said *Peter*, who made his Escape when within a few Miles of the Gaol at *Perth-Amboy*; since which the Petitioner hath in vain offered a Reward, and used every Means to have him apprehended; and now finds that the said *Peter* is sued and in Gaol in *Somerset* County, from whence he has prayed to be relieved by the Legislature; to which the Petitioner has no other Objection, than that it may affect him, and Judgment may be had against him for the Escape, unless particular Provision be made to secure the Petitioner from such Suits:-- The Petitioner relies on the Justice and Equity of the Legislature, and has no Doubt but that when they extend Mercy to the Distressed, they will not involve an innocent Man in the like Calamities they intended to relieve; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, to erect a new and convenient court House and Gaol in the said County*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Cooper*.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act passed in the First Year of King George the Third, entitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative:

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Borden*.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and laying out a strait Road through the same*; was committed; reported the same without any Amendment; and the said Bill was read, and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack*; was read, and the Council's Amendments thereto in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be re-engrossed.

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Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex*, was committed; reported the same with sundry Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey.

Y E A S.

Mr. Doughy,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,

N A Y S.

Mr. Borden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. J. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Session of General Assembly, of the Practicability of laying out strait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of New-Jersey, and for establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 8, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Point Tract, and laying out a strait Road through the same*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Skinner, Mr. J. Lawrence, Mr. Borden, and Mr. J. Ogden, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk*, was committed; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Lawrence,

Y E A S.

Mr. Borden,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Doughy.

N A Y S.

Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, by a Tax on the*

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Inhabitants of the same, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that the other Members and himself, delivered the Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, as follows:

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1765.

That Mr. *Smith* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Bills, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, and others; An Act for building and maintaining a Draw-Bridge over Raccoon Creek, near the Mouth thereof; &c. And An Act to constitute and make Croswicks Creek a good and lawful Fence, &c.* have passed this House this Day, without Amendment.

By Order of the House,

J. READ, D. Clerk.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, in the County of Burlington, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from the Owners of the Meadows on the Creek surrounding the Island of *Burlington*, commonly called the Lower-Sluice Company, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the said Meadows.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Smith*, on their Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, including Christopher Wetherill's, Joseph Noble's, and such Part of Daniel Smith's, as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith, deceased, and extending from thence to the Lower-Sluice Bank, called and known by the Name of the Lower-Sluice Company, to support and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Flood-Gates already made, erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for draining the said Meadows*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Lawrence* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent Obstructions in the River *Delaware*, above the Flowing of the Tide.

Whereupon Mr. *Lawrence* brought in the said Bill accordingly; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *R. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency's Message of *Thursday* last.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogshead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Wetherill*.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, June 10, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act passed in the First Year of King George the Third, entitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, re-ingrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackensack*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the same to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Williams*, late a Serjeant in the *New-Jersey* Troops, setting forth, That in the great Storm which happened last Year on *Lake Ontario*, the Petitioner's right Thumb was very much bruised and shattered, whereby

whereby he is rendered incapable of getting his Bread, and praying Relief; and a Certificate from Captain *Dayton* was presented, confirming the Fact therein mentioned; both which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions from *Cumberland* for and against the Suppression of the Fairs at *Greenwich*, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petitioners for the Suppression, be granted or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from *Salem*, for a Revival of their Fairs, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petitioners shall be granted or not? it was carried in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the several Petitions, for suppressing the Fairs at *Burlington*, were read the second Time, and it being motioned, that the Corporation of that Place now had it under Consideration, to effectually regulate the Abuses complained of.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in next Session, for a general Suppression of Fairs throughout the Province, if it then appears, that effectual Measures have not in the Interim been fallen upon, to remedy the Abuses attending them, relating to private Drinking-houses, or any Strong-drink being sold, otherwise than by licensed Taverns, Gaming and Horse Racing.

Mr. *John Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself had delivered Five Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Spicer*, in Behalf of the Petitioners for suppressing *Greenwich* Fairs, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Gieson*, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of Seacausus, in the Corporation of Bergen*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Charles Read*, Esq; for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable him to build a Dam over *Batstow* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *John Estell*, for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable him to erect a Dam across *Atson* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Skinner*, in Pursuance of Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An*

An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey. The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Rev. Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington, with the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church; and other Purposes therein mentioned.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, in the County of Burlington, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same;* have passed the House this Day, without any Amendment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for regulating the Practice of the Law; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 11, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex;* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

YEAS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey.

YEAS.

Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

NAYS.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming.

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Hogbland, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen;* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Skinner and Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Spicer, in Pursuance of Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; to erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atsion River;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogshead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies;* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Parker, informing the House, that the Council have made sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned;* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and Mr. Parker brought also the said Bill and Amendments.

A Petition was presented to the House from the President and Tutors of the College of New-Jersey, signed by the President, setting forth, the bad Consequences to which the Youth of the College are liable, from the Taverns in and about *Princeton*, and praying a Law may be passed for regulating Taverns, whereby the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, shall be prohibited from granting any Licence to any Person for keeping a Tavern, or Public-House in *Princeton*, or within one Mile, unless such Person be recommended by the President, and other Officers of the College, for the Time being, and so many of the Trustees of the said College, as shall be resident in the said Town of *Princeton*, for the Time being, or the major Part of such Trustees; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c.* was read, and the Council's Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the first Amendment or not? it was carried in the Negative.

Then the Question was put, whether the House agrees to the second Amendment or not? it passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Cooper* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House disagrees to their Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hoghead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Cooper*, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Emsiconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Mata-penny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Doughty*.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Hogbland* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself, delivered the Two Bills, and the Message with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *Reading*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*; was read the second Time and committed to Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Leaming*.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee, appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency's Message of *Thursday* last; which Draught was read, agreed to, and is as follows, viz.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Doughty* do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of *Thursday* last, inform him that altho' no Place is provided by the Province

Province in either Division, for the Residence of a Governor; yet the Assembly of this Colony have always given to the Governor an annual Sum to enable him to hire a House, with a Proviso they judged necessary; that the Sum given to his Excellency, has been the same as heretofore hath been given to his Predecessors, and has ever been deemed sufficient for the Purpose intended; at the same Time, assuring his Excellency, that it is with Reluctance the House find themselves under a Necessity of differing from him in Sentiment, and declining a Compliance with his Message.'

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of the Woods, Marshes and Meadows*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. R. Lawrence and Mr. Keasbey.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; and Peter Bard, in Behalf of themselves, and others; setting forth, that the Petitioners have erected, and intend to erect sundry Works for the Manufacturing of Iron; and as the licencing of Taverns near the said Works, hath been found very Inconvenient to the Petitioners, they pray that an Act may be passed prohibiting a Licence to be granted to any Person, to keep a Tavern within three Miles of any Iron Works within this Province, without a Recommendation to the Justices at their Sessions, first had and obtained from the Owners of such Works, or the major Part of them; and that all Debts above *Five Shillings*, contracted at such Taverns, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall not be recoverable; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, signed by 40 Names, setting forth, that the Petitioners were enlisted into the Frontier Service, and served from the Time of their Enlistment, until the 20th Day of *March* past, at which Time the Forces on the Frontiers, were reduced to Sixty Men; and that they were some of the first that did Duty in that Service, and have not received any Pay; and praying the House to take the same into Consideration; and a Certificate of the Truth of the Facts, was presented from *Hezekiah Dunn* and *Isaac Hull*, Officers on the Frontiers; both which were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, June 12, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. R. Lawrence, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of the Woods, Marshes and Meadows*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question; whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, including Christopher Wetherill's, Joseph Noble's, and such Part of Daniel Smith's, as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith, deceased, and extending from thence to the Lower-Sluice Bank,*

Bank, called and known by the Name of the Lower-Sluice Company, to support and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Flood-Gates already made, erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for draining the said Meadows; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Spicer reported, that Mr. Doughty and himself, waited on his Excellency with the Message of Yesterday; who was pleased to say, he would take the same into Consideration.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* reported, the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Ogden,

Y E A S.

Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Doughty.
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Miller,

Y E A S.

Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Hogbland,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Reading,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the same as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, an Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto, and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

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That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of Woods, Marshes and Meadows*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself, delivered the Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Bills, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act passed in the First Year of King George the Third, entitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair; An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk; An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and laying out a strait Road through the same; and, An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; have passed the Council this Day.

And another Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Council have receded from their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, and to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned*.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens*, desiring the Concurrence of this House to their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766*; and Mr. *Stevens* also brought the said Bill and Amendments.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for regulating the Practice of the Law, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 13, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Hogbland, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766*; was read, and the Council's Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments.

The Petition of *John Williams*, setting forth his Hurt in the Service of the Province, was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That the Petitioner be allowed *Five Pounds*.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Hogbland and himself, delivered the Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Read, desiring the Concurrence of this House to their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony; and Mr. Read brought also the said Bill and Amendments.*

And another Message from the Council by Mr. Read, informing the House, that the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hoghead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*: And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich*; have passed the Council this Day, without Amendment.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for regulating the Practice of the Law; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; was read, and the Council's Amendments thereto in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Amendments or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconk or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs*; was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Van Gieson*, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that Mr. *Van Gieson* and himself, delivered the Bill with them trusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Boucester* County, whose Names are thereunto subscribed; praying Leave for the Reasons therein contained, to build a Bridge at their own Expence, over the North Branch of *Big-Timber* Creek, in the said County.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Session of General Assembly; provided Notice of their Application and this Order, be inserted in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least Six Weeks before the next Session, and no reasonable Objection shall then appear against the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, desiring the Concurrence of this House to their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of the Woods, Marshes and Meadows*; and Mr. *Smith* brought also the said Bill and Amendments.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766*; was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 14, 1765.

The House met.

Mr. *Borden* reported, That Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for regulating the Practice of the Law, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made sundry Amendments to the said Bill, which was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Bill as amended or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows*; was read, and the Council's Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended by the Council be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Session of General Assembly, of the Practicability of laying out strait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of New-Jersey, and for establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the same*; was read the second Time; and on the Question; agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Parker, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; have passed the Council this Day, without any Amendment.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles therein contained as are perishable and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony*; was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. Leaming, do carry the said Bill to the Council.

A Letter was laid before the House, directed to the Speaker, from the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Suffex*; setting forth, the Distresses of many of the Inhabitants for Want of Money to enable them to go to some of the other Counties, to purchase Wheat or Flour; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Van Gieson reported, that Mr. Leaming and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Read, desiring the Concurrence of this House to an Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex*; and Mr. Read also brought the said Bill and Amendment.

Whereupon the said Bill was read, and the Amendment in it's Place; and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Negative.

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Mr. Skinner,

Mr. Borden,

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Doughty,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. R. Lawrence,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Leaming.

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. Keasbey,

Mr. J. Ogden,

Mr. Hogbland,

Mr. Spicer,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. Van Gieson,

Mr. Reading,

Mr. J. Lawrence,

Mr. Dey.

Mr. Hart.

Resolved,

That this House disagrees to the said Amendment, and adheres to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Spicer, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House disagrees to their Amendment, and adheres to the Bill.

Mr. Wetherill reported, that Mr. Spicer and himself, delivered the Bill and Message with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, including Christopher Wetherill's, Joseph Noble's, and such Part of Daniel Smith's, as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith, deceased, and extending from thence to the Lower-Sluice Bank, called and known by the Name of the Lower-Sluice Company, to support and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Flood-Gates already made, erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for draining the said Meadows*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act, passed in the First Year of King George the Third, entitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington*

County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Mr. Skinner,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Weikerill,

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. Van Gieser,

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Mr. J. Lawrence,

Mr. Bordin,

Mr. Keosbey,

Mr. Leaming,

Y E A S.

Mr. Spicer,

Mr. Reading,

Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. R. Lawrence,

Mr. Higbland,

Mr. Dey,

Mr. Doughy,

Mr Cooper.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of Woods, Marshes and Meadows;* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Johnston, do carry the same to the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. Leaming and Mr. Reading, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that having gone through the Support of Government, his Excellency's Message of the 30th of May, with the Letters respecting the Honourable Frederick Smyth, Esq; and his Excellency's Recommendations, for raising his and the other Judges Salaries, came under the mature Consideration of this House; and on examining the Precedents, find the Sum now allowed to the Chief Justice, including the *Ten Pounds* for each Circuit Court, to be *Fifty Pounds* a Year more than was ever allowed in this Government, until the Two Years past, when that Sum was first fixed; and the *Fifty Pounds per Annum* to each of the Puisne Judges, to be equal to any Thing done on their Behalf; that it is with great Satisfaction we receive from the King's Ministers such honourable Testimonials in favour of the Chief Justice, and we have the Pleasure to hope, from the Opportunities we have had the little Time since his Arrival, his Residence here may be attended with Happiness to himself, and adequate Benefits to the Publick; and to promote these good Purposes, we shall, in considering his Appointments, at all Times weigh the Importance of the Trust, and the Merit and Dignity of it's Execution, and do therein what shall appear to us most consistent with the Interest, the Honour and the Abilities of the Province; that we join with his Excellency in the Opinion respecting Mr. Read, and know Nothing but that he and Mr. Berrien, have unexceptionably acquitted themselves in their respective Stations.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Stevens, desiring the Concurrence of this House, to sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconk or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs;* and Mr. Stevens also brought the said Bill and Amendments.

Mr. John Lawrence reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself, delivered the three Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconk or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch, as far as the upper Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs;* was read, and the Council's Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended by the Council, be re-engrossed.

On a Motion made,

Mr. J. Lawrence, by Order of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was read; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Leaming reported, that Mr. Reading and himself, waited on his Excellency with the Message to them intrusted.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, to erect a new and convenient Court-House and Gaol in said County*; reported the same, with sundry Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Letter from the Justices and Freeholders of *Suffex*, concerning their Distress for want of Wheat and Flour, was read the second Time; and on the Question; the Consideration thereof is referred 'till To-Morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 15, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Cooper do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Doughty and Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Cooper and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Skinner and Mr. Cooper.

The several Petitions of *Richard Corbin* and *James Flanagan*, were read the second Time; and the Petitioners and Captain *Joseph Ellis* attending, were called in, and severally examined on the subject Matter of the said Petitions.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Hugh Thompson*, praying Recompence for acting as Adjutant and Quarter-Master in the *Jersey* Troops last Campaign, and for a Loss on *Lake Erie*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether any Allowance shall be made to the Petitioner or not? it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

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The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from *Somerset*, praying for a Re-settlement of the Quotas throughout this Colony, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from *Jacob Van Winkle*, for the Privilege of keeping a Ferry over *Hackinsack* River, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from *Monmouth*, respecting the Mode of Taxation, appointed by the Act for the Relief of the Poor, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from the President and Tutors of the College of *New-Jersey*, for a Law to regulate the Licencing of Taverns in and about *Princeton*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from the Honourable *Charles Read*, and *Peter Bard*, for a Law to regulate the Licencing of Taverns near Iron-Works, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from *Amboy*, for a Lottery in favour of the Presbyterian Meeting House there, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from the Rev. *William Tennent*, concerning his Services in removing the Indians from *Cranbury* to *Brotherton*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, what shall be allowed for that Service? it was carried for £. 3.

Resolved,

That the Petitioner be allowed *Three Pounds*.

The Petition from *Joseph Burr*, junior, praying a Law to uphold him in maintaining a certain Dam over the South Branch of *Ancocas* Creek, called *Eyre's* Mill Creek, was read the second Time,

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at next Session; provided he, in the mean Time, gives Notice of his Application and this Order, to *John Monrow*, *Thomas Eyre*, and all other Persons concerned; and that upon Proof being then made of such Service, no reasonable Objection shall be made against the same.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*, reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, from the First Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, to the Twentieth Day of December following; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Reading*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; to erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atsion River*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Dey*,

The Letter from the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; respecting Subpœna's *Ducens Tecum*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

Mr. *Doughty*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Affanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; was committed, reported the same without any Amendment; and the said Bill was read; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The Petition from divers of the supernumerary Frontier Soldiers, praying Pay from the Time of their Enlistment, to the 20th of *March* past, when they were discharged; was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be referred to further Consideration.

Ordered,

That Col. *Schuyler's*, *Stephen Crane's*, and all other publick Accounts for the Services of the late War, be laid before the House, to be settled on the third Day of next Session.

Mr. *Van Gieson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; to erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atsion River*; reported the same without any Amendment; and the said Bill was read, and amended in the House; and on the Question, the same as amended was agreed to; and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from the Justices and Freeholders of *Suffex*, respecting their Distress for Want of Wheat and Flour; and on the Question, whether the House will grant some Relief or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Question was put, what Sum shall be lent out of the Treasury, for the Purposes in the said Letter mentioned? it was carried for £. 200.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Hart*, bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, June 17, 1765.

The House met:

The Bill, re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, &c.* having been read and compared.

Resolved,

That the same do pass:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the same to the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, to erect a new convenient Court-House and Gaol in said County*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Mr. *Wetherill*,

Mr. *Dey*,

Mr. *Skinner*,

Mr. *Miller*,

Mr. *R. Lawrence*,

Mr. *Cooper*,

Mr. *J. Ogden*,

Mr. *Hart*.

Mr. *Anderson*,

Mr. *Keasbey*,

Mr. *Smith*,

Mr. *Fisher*,

Mr. *Leaming*,

Mr. *Doughty*,

Mr. *Hogland*,

Mr. *Spicer*,

Mr. *Borden*,

Mr. *Van Gieson*,

Mr. *Reading*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Cooper*, wait on his Excellency, in order to be informed when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Miller* do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq, to erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atsion River*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, &c.* and the Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Session of General Assembly, &c.* have passed the Council this Day, without any Amendment.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself, waited on his Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, that he will receive the Address at Four o'Clock this Afternoon.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Reading*, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, or either of them, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be lent for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the County of Suffex*; which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, or either of them, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be lent for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the County of Suffex*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Spicer*.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary Read.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency with their Address, in the Words following,

TO

TO His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Province, in General Assembly convened:

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, thoroughly sensible of the numerous Advantages that formerly did, and hereafter must, attend an uninterrupted Peace with the Indians, are sincerely glad of the happy Prospect lately obtained; that this salutary Business is likely to be effectually secured, under Providence, through the Wisdom and Vigilance of those who have planned, and so far executed, the important Charge; and to whom Britain and her Colonies have Obligations, on that Account, that will not soon be forgotten.

Agreeable to your Excellency's Recommendation, we have adopted the Measure of giving Bounties on Hemp, Flax, and planting of Mulberry Trees, with a View of stimulating our Inhabitants to future Industry and Wealth, in a Way hitherto but little used in this Government, but which, notwithstanding, appears to us to carry a Probability of succeeding, and being in Time considerable in the Article of Remittances to the Mother Country. On this Occasion our Acknowledgments are justly due to the Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, on Account of their disinterested and benevolent Care respecting Improvements in the Colonies.

We also thank your Excellency for the Consideration you have repeatedly shewn as to the real Prosperity and Welfare of this Province; and hope, through the Continuance of that Attention and Regard, it may rise to further Improvements, and not be hereafter thought unworthy the united Attention of the whole Legislature, to encourage such Branches of Commerce, as may promote Frugality, Industry, and a Spirit of Emulation on this Head, that the Purposes of paying our English Debts may be answered, without parting with the little Cash we have; for, under the present Discouragements, further Means of procuring it seems hard to devise.

Fully convinced, that shortening the Post Roads would be a Work of publick Advantage, if it can be effected without unreasonably prejudicing Individuals, we have this Session attempted it in Part, and, to be enabled to do it more effectually, have agreed with the Council, that Commissioners be appointed to survey other Parts, who are to report at next Session the most probable Method for benefiting the Public, with the Injury to which Particulars may be exposed, if any should appear, in order that such further Measures may be then taken as shall be thought best for the whole.

By Order of the House,

June 15, 1765.

ROBERT OGDEN, Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

I THANK you, Gentlemen, for your Address, and am much pleased to find you have so readily gone into some of the Measures I recommended to you, at the opening of the Session; I hope, the Success attending these may be such as will hereafter induce you to make Trial of the others.

Mr. Skinner, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, or either of them, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto, and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Parker, desiring the Concurrence of this House, to sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; and Mr. Parker brought also the said Bill and Amendments.

Whereupon the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 18, 1765.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, or either of them, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be lent for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the County of Suffex*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Reading and Mr. Hart do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, acquainting the House, that the Council do unanimously adhere to their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex*; and Mr. Read brought also the said Bill and Amendments.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, from the First Day of November, 1764, to the Twentieth Day of December following; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Commissioners, or others, intrusted to provide Cloathing for the Forces of this Colony, do sell what remains of the same, to the best Advantage, and return the Produce thereof into the Treasury.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, from the First Day of November, 1764, to the Twentieth Day of December following; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hogbland and Mr. Dey, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Parker, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacausus, in the Corporation of Bergen*; and sundry Amendments made thereto by the Council; desiring the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendments.

Whereupon the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be re-engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be re-engrossed.

Mr. *Reading* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hogbland* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Bills, entitled, *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; to erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atsion River; An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills; And A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns; have passed the Council this Day, without any Amendment.*

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, June 19, 1765.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen; was read and compared; and on the Question,*

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*.

Gentlemen,

THE Chief Justice, and the Second Justice of the Supream Court, have informed me, that tho' the Court-House at *Amboy*, has been burnt down ever since *October* last, there is yet no Building provided for the holding of the Supream Courts in that City, nor any Preparations making for that Purpose; that for Want of a convenient Place for holding the said Court at *Amboy*, several Causes of Importance, which should have been tried last *April*, were obliged to be postponed; and that the said Justices will not have it in their Power to try any more Causes there till a suitable Building is provided. Now, as those Courts have been held at *Amboy* almost ever since the first Establishment of the Colony, and the continuing them there was made a Part of the Fundamental Constitutions, at the Time of the Surrender, and is established by Ordinance of the Crown; and as it likewise appears by the Bill you have passed this Session for the Support of Government, that you expect they are still to be held there; I must request that you will take this Matter, which is of so great Consequence to the Publick, into your immediate Consideration (if you have not already done it) and make such Provision as the Necessity of the Case requires.

June 19, 1765.

W. F R A N K L I N.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency's Message.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors; was read and compared; and on the Question,*

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Anderson* and Mr. *Borden*, do carry the same to the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, setting forth the Difficulties which have attended *George Remer, Esq*, late Sheriff of *Somerset*; in the Execution of his Office; and praying an Act to secure the said late Sheriff from being sued for Escapes for the Term of One Year; and containing also several other Prayers in the Premises.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to further Consideration.

Mr. *Anderson* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency's Message of this Day; which was read, and amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Draught be agreed to or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogbland*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*.

YEAS.

Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Hart*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Reading*.

Ordered,

Dr

The Province of New-Jersey, to John Johnston:

To Sundries paid per Receipts

Commissions, at 2 per Cent.

£. 106:11:10

2:02:04

£. 108:14:02

1765. June 1. We the Subscribers, Three of the Committee for Accounts, do hereby certify, that we have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the above *John Johnston*, and do report his Account as above.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN WETHERILL.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Thomas Rodman, Muster-master

1764. To the Levy, Bounty, and Substantance, for 57 Men of Capt. *Ellis's* Company,
per Vouchers produced,

To his Commissions,

£. 515:15:00

5:03:5

£. 520:18:05

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. R. Lawrence, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, in Answer to his Message of this Day, That in Consequence of a Petition from a large Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that the Court-House at *Perth-Amboy*, was not only burnt, but that the Fee-Simple of the Land wherein it had been erected, is not vested in the said Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County; and praying Relief; a Bill was passed by the House for that Purpose, and sent to the Council for Concurrence, which not being agreed to on their Part, dropt of Course. That the House having gone through the general Business before them, and been long absent from their domestick Affairs, are not only inclinable to return to the respective Places of their Abode; but do also esteem it inexpedient to prefer any new Bill for the Purpose aforesaid, unless they were to recede from the Principles of the Bill already preferred; which they are not inclinable to do. That as the next Session of General Assembly will be held at *Perth-Amboy*, every Person residing there, and being disposed to controvert the Constitutional Right of a new Court-House being erected among them, may be heard on the subject; and in the Interim it's conceived, some House may be had for holding the Supreme Court, until the County of *Middlesex* can be enabled to build a new Court-House; and as to the present Gaol at *Amboy*, it's said to have been so far repaired at the late Expence of said County, as to answer the Purpose of a Gaol, until another can with Convenience be built.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Van Gieson reported, that Mr. Richard Lawrence and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, he would take the same into Consideration.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, made the following Reports, to which the House agrees, viz.

per Contra

By Cash received of Samuel Smith,
Ballance due John Johnson,

Cr.
£. 50:00:00
58:14:02
£. 108:14:02

in the Year 1764.

per Contra

1764; April 2. By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,
4. By Cash received per Ditto
Ballance due Thomas Rodman,

Cr.
£. 500:00:00
18:00:00
2:18:05
£. 520:18:05

We the Subscribers, being Three of the Committee appointed to audit and settle the publick Accounts, have inspected the Vouchers relative to the above Account, and do report it as above stated.

Burlington, June 13, 1765.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN HART,
GEORGE READING.

And Mr. Fisher also reported the following Account, to wit,

Dr.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to John Tinbrook, Paymaster to the Detachment.*

To sundry Accounts paid, as per Receipt and Vouchers, to amount	- - - - -	£. 1687:09:00
To Commissions at two per Cent.	- - - - -	33:15:00
		<hr/> £. 1721:04:00

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee for settling the publick Accounts, do certify, that we have carefully examined the above Account, and report the same as above stated.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN HART,
THEUNIS DEY.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do examine the Matter mentioned in the Notes of the said Account accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Read, in these Words,

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, 19th June, 1765.

That Mr. Read do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and to alter the Courts of Quarter Sessions, &c.* with the Council's Amendments thereto, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments; and also that he carry to the said House, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for collecting and securing the Books of Mortgages, &c.* and desire their Concurrence thereto. Ordered also, that he acquaint the said House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, for Two Hundred Pounds, &c.* has passed the Council, this Day, without any Amendment.

By Order of the House,

JOS. READ, D. Clerk.

The Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for collecting and securing the Books of Mortgages, formerly kept by the Loan Officers in the several Counties of this Province*, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read, with the Council's Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended by the Council be re-engrossed.

The

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to the Estate of

To sundry Disbursements for building the Barracks at Trenton, per Account and Vouchers examined,	- - - - -	£. 1765:15:03
To Commissions on Ditto, at 5 per Cent.	- - - - -	88:05:01
To sundry Disbursements as Barrack Master,	- - - - -	544:16:05
To Commissions as Barrack Master four Years and nine Months, at 10 l. per Annum,	- - - - -	47:10:00
		<hr/> £. 2446:06:09

posted at Oswego, in the Year 1751.

per Contra

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By Cash received from <i>Andrew Johnson</i> , Esq; Treasurer, at sundry Times,	£. 1227:18:11
By Cash received from <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq; Treasurer,	371:12:03
Ballance due to <i>Ld John Tinbrook</i> ,	121:12:03
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	£. 1721:04:00

N. B. The Committee not having an Opportunity for Want of the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, which are at *Amboy*, to examine the Credit of this Account, do submit it to the House, whether it may not be proper to refer the Examination of that to the Committee appointed to settle *Adam Shaw's* Account, with the Administrators of *Capt. Johnson*, in order to certify the same at next Sessions.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for collecting and securing the Books of Mortgages, &c.* was read the second Time, and agreed to in the House; and on the Question, whether the same do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hogbland* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the same to the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 20, 1765.

The House met.

Mr. *Hogbland* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Johnson* do carry the same to the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Half after Eleven o'Clock.

The House met.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Johnson* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed last Session to settle *Joseph Yard's* Accounts, made the following Reports, to which the House agreed, viz.

Joseph Yard, deceased,

By Cash received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	£. 2041:11:00
By Sundries sold belonging to the Province,	11:04:03
Ballance due to the Estate of <i>Joseph Yard</i> ,	393:11:05

£. 2446:06:09

We the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the above Account, and Vouchers relating thereto, and do find a Ballance due to the Estate of *Joseph Yard*, deceased, of Three Hundred Ninety-three Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Sixpence, from the Province of *New-Jersey*.

Trenton, April 18, 1764.

HENDRICK FISHER.
GEORGE READING.
JOSEPH BORDEN, junr.
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Joseph Yard, as Commissioner for

1760. To the Amount of his Account as per Vouchers,	-	-	-	£. 590:04:05
To Commissions at Two per Cent.	-	-	-	11:16:01
Ballance due to the Province,	-	-	-	202:15:06
				<u>£. 804:16:00</u>

Trenton, April 18, 1764.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, in Account current

To a Ballance of a billeting Account, as per Votes, settled December 5, 1760,	-	-	-	£. 30:14:00
To a Ballance due on a Barrack Account, as settled April 18, 1764.	-	-	-	393:11:06
				<u>£. 424:05:06</u>

N. B. The Committee appointed for re-examining the Accounts of Capt. *Johnson*, deceased, and of Lieut. *Shaw*, is ordered to examine the Eastern Treasurer's Account; and if *Joseph Yard*, deceased, has received no Money from that Treasury since 1760, they are to draw an Order upon either of the Treasurers for the Ballance of this Account.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do examine that Matter accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do go to the Council, and enquire, whether they have any further Business before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr.

Dr.

The Province of New-Jersey, to Henry Fisher, as Commissioner to pay the New-

To Col. <i>Hunt's</i> Company to Amount, per Vouchers,	-	-	-	£. 227:10:09
To Lieut. Col. <i>M^c Daniel's</i> Company, per Ditto	-	-	-	249:10:06
To Capt. <i>Tinbrook's</i> Company, per Ditto,	-	-	-	101:01:09
To Capt. <i>Coryel's</i> Company, per Ditto,	-	-	-	85:00:00
To Capt. <i>Dayton's</i> Company, per Ditto.	-	-	-	173:03:09
To Capt. <i>Thomas Johnson's</i> Company, per Ditto,	-	-	-	190:13:05
To Capt. <i>Faulkner's</i> Company, per Ditto,	-	-	-	47:13:09
To his Commissions at two per Cent.	-	-	-	21:10:00
Ballance due to the Province.	-	-	-	12:04:03
				<u>£. 1108:08:00</u>

N. B. The Committee appointed for re-examining the Accounts of Capt. *Thomas Johnson*, deceased, and of Lieut. *Shaw*, are ordered to examine the Eastern Treasurer's Account, relative to the above Account and make Report to the next Sessions of this House.

*Cloathing the Regiment.**per Contra**Cr.*

1760, March 31. By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	-	-	£. 200:00:00
April 23. By Ditto of Ditto.	-	-	202:16:00
May 29. By Ditto of Ditto.	-	-	402:00:00
			<u>£. 804:16:00</u>

We the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the above Account and Vouchers relative thereto, and do find a Ballance due to the Province of *New-Jersey*, from the Estate of *Joseph Yard*, Esq; deceased, of Two Hundred and Two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
HENDRICK FISHER,
GEORGE READING,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

*with Joseph Yard, deceased,**per Contra**Cr.*

By a Ballance due for Cloathing the <i>New-Jersey</i> Regiment., as settled per Votes,	-	-	£. 67:07:00 ⁵
Novem. 28, 1760	-	-	202:15:06
By Ballance due for Ditto, as settled April 18, 1764, see Votes,	-	-	154:02:11 ¹ / ₂
Ballance due to the Estate of <i>Joseph Yard</i> , deceased,	-	-	<u>£. 424:05:06</u>

We the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers of *Joseph Yard*, deceased, and do find a Ballance due to his Executors, of one Hundred and Fifty Four Pounds, Two Shillings and Eleven Pence half Penny, from the Province of *New-Jersey*.

JOSEPH BORDEN, jun.
HENDRICK FISHER,
GEORGE READING,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Burlington, June 19, 1765.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, went to the Council accordingly, who said, that they had no further Business before them.

Mr. *Reading*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report; to which the House agreed.

<i>Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, 1762,</i>	<i>per Contra</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1763, June 3. By Cash received of Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,	-	£. 300:00:00
11. By Ditto of Ditto,	-	144:18:00
16. By Ditto of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	-	200:00:00
27. By Ditto of Stephen Skinner, Esq;	-	103:10:00
July 6. By Ditto of Ditto,	-	360:00:00
		<u>£. 1108:08:00</u>

By Officers and Soldiers remaining unpaid, to the Amount of £. 70:15:00, as appears by the Muster Rolls, who when paid, and Vouchers produced, shall be allowed to said *Henry Fisher*.

We the Subscribers on the Committee on publick Accounts, having carefully examined the above, and Vouchers relative thereto, do report the same as above stated.

June 20, 1765.

GEORGE READING,
JOHN HART,
THEUNIS DEY.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Committee do examine that Matter accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House have gone through the Business before them, and desire his Excellency will be pleased to pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, waited on his Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Read*.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, with the House, waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the 21st Day of May, 1765, and to end the 21st Day of May, 1766; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.

2. An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, from the First Day of November, 1764, to the 20th Day of December following; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

3. An Act to enable the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, to receive and pay certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, and give a proper Discharge for the Sum received.

4. An Act for collecting and securing the Books of Mortgages, formerly kept by the Loan Offices in the several Counties of this Province.

5. An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

6. An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New-Jersey.

7. An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Size of Traps, &c. and to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

8. An Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth-Town, to the Point commonly called Elizabeth-Town Point, as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and laying out a strait Road through the same.

9. An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield, in the County of Burlington, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same.

10. An Act appointing Commissioners to take Care of, and Let the Barracks erected in this Colony of New-Jersey, at such Times as the same shall not be needed for the Use of Soldiers; and to sell such Articles contained therein, as are perishable, and have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony.

11. A Supplement to an Act passed in the First Year of King George the Third, intitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to said Ferries in Repair.

12. An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages, which shall be made and executed after the First Day of January, 1766.

13. *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for raising of Raw Silk.*

14. *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New-Jersey, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hoghead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies.*

15. *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for restraining the burning of the Woods, Marshes and Meadows.*

16. *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions:*

17. *An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

18. *An Act to suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich:*

19. *An Act for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Session of General Assembly, of the Practicability of laying out strait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of New-Jersey, and for establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the same.*

20. *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Province, or either of them, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be lent for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the County of Suffex.*

21. *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better regulating Taverns.*

22. *An Act for building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink, near Robert Lettis Hooper's Mills.*

23. *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen; and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack.*

24. *An Act to constitute and make Crosswicks Creek a good and lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry, down to the Mouth of the same.*

25. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek called Newport, between the Townships of Stow-Creek and Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same.*

26. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on Little Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear.*

27. *An Act for building and maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, near the Mouth of said Creek.*

28. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek, near the Head thereof, in the County of Gloucester, to repair and maintain a Bank and other Water Works, heretofore erected and made across the said Creek, and to keep the former Water Course of the said Creek open and clear.*

29. *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen.*

30. *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Effisconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and widen the said Creek, from an old Mill Dam formerly owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Maticopenny Branch, as far as the lower Part of Barker's Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch, as far as the Head of Black's Place, occupied by Benjamin Gibbs.*

31. *An Act to enable the Reverend Mr. Colin Campbell, the present Rector of Saint Mary's Church in Burlington, with the Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of said Church, or the major Part of them, to sell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somerset County, devised to the Ministry of said Church; and to enable Trustees to put the same to Interest, until a convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church; and other Purposes therein mentioned.*

32. *An Act to enable the Honourable Charles Read, Esq; to erect a Dam over Batfow Creek, and also to enable John Estell to erect a Dam over Atfion River.*

33. *A Supplementary Act to several former Acts of this Province, for enabling the Owners, Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlingron Creek, including Christopher Wetherill's, Joseph Noble's, and such Part of Daniel Smith's, as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith, deceased, and extending from thence to the Lower-Sluice Bank, called and known by the Name of the Lower-Sluice Company, to support and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Flood-Gates already made, erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for draining the said Meadows.*

34. *An Act to naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman, and Peter Kurtz.*

35. *An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and other Purposes therein-mentioned.*

And then his Excellency prorogued the House, to Tuesday the Sixth of August next, then to meet at Perth-Amboy.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker* to print these Votes.

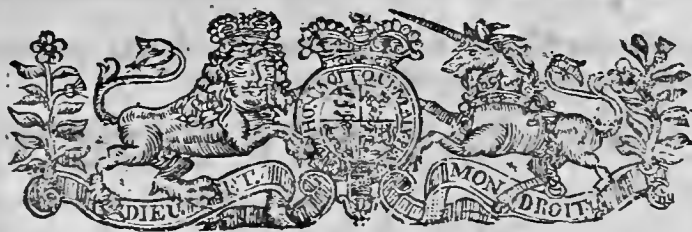
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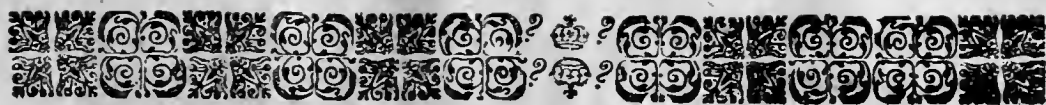
At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at
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Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, TUESDAY, November 26, 1765.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 27, 1765.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Hogbland*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may please to lay before them.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Hogbland* and himself waited on his Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, That he had no particular Commands of the Crown, or other publick Business, which made a Meeting of the Legislature immediately necessary; but that he had with the Advice of the Council, summoned the General Assembly to meet at this Juncture, upon a Request in Writing, from the Speaker and Nine Members of the House of Representatives; and that he was now ready to receive any Thing they had to communicate for the Advantage of the Province.

Mr. *Leaming* informed the House, that *Jacob Spicer*,^x Esq; late one of the Members for *Cape May*, is deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Member for *Cape-May*, in the Room of Mr. *Spicer*.

Mr. *Cooper* informed the House, that *Samuel Clement*, Esq; late one of the Members for *Gloucester*, is deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Member for *Gloucester*, in the Room of Mr. *Clement*.

Reune Runyon, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly, for the County of *Middlesex*, in the Stead of *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; late deceased, and now attending, was admitted into the House, and duly qualified, before the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; and *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; thereto authorized by *Dedimus potestatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* do take his Seat in the House.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday;

*x He died the 17th September 1765.
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Thursday, November 28, 1765.

The House met.

The Speaker having offered to resign his Seat, with the Leave of the House, presented a Paper, containing the Reasons for the House being called, and his Request to resign his Seat; which being read, the House adjourn'd for an Hour, that the Members might consider of the Speaker's Proposal.

The House met.

And the Paper offered by Mr. Speaker, being again read and considered,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Resignation be accepted; and that said Paper be entered upon the Journals of this House; and the same is as follows:

Gentlemen,

‘THE present Meeting is in Consequence of the Application of myself and several Members of this House, to his Excellency; who was pleased at our Desire to appoint it. The House have now an Opportunity to consider deliberately on the best Methods to procure Relief from the late Acts of Parliament; an Affair of as delicate a Nature, and of as much Importance, as ever came before the Representatives of this, or any other Colony.

‘The Gentlemen appointed to attend at the Congress at *New-York*, will lay before you, the several Addresses agreed to there; whereby you may judge, whether our joining in the general Addresses is so likely to produce an Alleviation of the Burthens we so justly complain of.

‘I was clearly of Opinion, that separate Addresses from each Colony, would have a greater Probability of succeeding; and therefore I declined signing them; considering that as a Majority of your Commissioners had joined therein, the Province would partake of all the Benefits resulting from the general Addresses; and if this House should not adopt the Sentiments of the Congress, they might be at Liberty to make a separate Application to the Crown.

‘I am so unhappy as to find, that my Conduct, which was the Consequence of this Opinion, formed on the most deliberate, impartial, and disinterested Reasoning on the Subject, has been put in an unfavourable Light, and has made me the Object of too general a Resentment: I trust, that Providence will in due Time make the Rectitude of my Heart, and my inviolable Affection to my Country, appear in a fair Light to the World; and that my sole Aim was the Happiness of *New-Jersey*. But as at present there appears a great Dissatisfaction at my Conduct, that has spread even among some of my Constituents, whom I have served many Years in General Assembly, to the Utmost of my Abilities; I beg Leave of the House, to resign my Seat in it; whereby my Constituents may have an Opportunity of sending another Person in my Room, who may act more agreeable to their present Sentiments; tho’ I am well assured, that no Person can be found, who will study their Welfare more sincerely, nor pursue it with more Steadiness or Integrity than I have done: I thank them for the Confidence their frequent Elections has shewn they placed in me, and which I never abused; and hope, that those with whom I have differed in Opinion, will have Charity enough to impute it to Error in Judgment only, to which all Men are liable. As I have frequently experienced the good Disposition of this House towards me, I hope they will indulge me, by accepting the Resignation of my Seat in the House; and with ordering this short and true Account of my Conduct, to be entered on their Journals.

Whereupon Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston* were desired by the Members, to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him with the Resignation of the Speaker, and desire Leave to choose another.

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Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House might proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Whereupon the Members proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and unanimously chose *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; who was conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *R. Lawrence*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know, when he will be waited on by the House, to present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Miller* reported, that Mr. *Lawrence* and himself waited on his Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him this Afternoon.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*.

Gentlemen, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Presentation of your Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented him to his Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*.

Gentlemen,

THE Secretary will lay before you a Letter I have received from the Governor of *Quebec*, with an Account of the Loss sustained in the City of *Montreal* by the late dreadful Fire. The Case of the unhappy Sufferers is truly deplorable, and cannot fail exciting in every humane Breast the utmost Compassion. Private Contributions can avail but little where the Loss is so very considerable. Applications are therefore made to the Legislatures of the several Colonies; and it is not to be doubted, but that from Motives of good Policy, as well as of Religion and Humanity, they will think it highly expedient to grant some Relief to our new Fellow-Subjects in that Province.

Burlington, Nov. 28, 1765.

W. FRANKLIN.

Which, with the Papers relating thereto, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Member for *Essex*, in the Room of *Robert Ogden*, Esq; who has resigned.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joseph Burr*, *Christopher Wetherill*, and *Edward Brooks*, of *Burlington*, setting forth, that in the Month of *July* last, the Petitioners, among others, were robbed of sundry valuable Goods, by three armed Men, who went by the Names of *John Johnston*, *John Feagan*, and *John Grimes*; and that for the Seizure of the Robbers, the Petitioners offered considerable Rewards; whereupon *Benjamin Davis*, *John Robins*, and sundry other Persons, did go in Quest of, and at the Peril of their Lives, did seize and convey to Goal the said Robbers; who were soon after convicted and executed: That the said *Davis*, *Robins*, and others,

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knowing that the Petitioners have already been great Sufferers, have shewn an Unwillingness to receive the Rewards offered; and as the Petitioners and many others conceive, that they ought to be publickly rewarded for their publick Spirit and Courage, they submit the Premises to the Wisdom of the House; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, setting forth, divers Hardships and Inconveniencies the Petitioners will suffer if the Roads shall be laid out, as proposed by the Act passed last Session, for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report the Practicability of running certain strait Roads through this Province; and praying Relief in the Premises.

And another Petition from *Woodbridge*, in the same County, to the like Purpose, was presented; both which were read, and ordered second Readings.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 29, 1765.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, one of the Committee appointed to attend the late Congress, at *New-York*, made the following Report, viz:

'Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Borden* and myself, being requested by a Number of the Members, of this House, convened at the House of Mr. *Sproul*, in the County of *Middlesex*, to meet the Congress then sitting at *New-York*; and to join in such Measures as might be likely to obtain a Repeal of the late alarming Acts of Parliament, particularly that called the Stamp-Act; did accordingly repair to *New-York*, and joined said Congress, and came to the following Conclusions.

'And, first, agreed upon a Set of Resolves, or rather Declarations, of the most essential Rights of the Colonies.

'Secondly, On an humble and dutiful Address to his Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament; which Mr. *Borden* and myself, joined in signing, in Behalf of this Colony; and one Copy was transmitted before the Congress broke up, and the other Gentlemen undertook to send the others; which we expect they have done accordingly; and we are now ready to report the Proceedings, when the House will be pleased to receive them.'

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Fisher* then reported the Proceedings of the Congress; which were read, and the further Consideration thereof, is referred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

The House, according to Order, resuming the Consideration of the Proceedings at the late Congress at *New-York*;

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That this House do approve of the Proceedings of the Congress at *New-York*; and that the Thanks of this House be given to *Hendrick Fisher* and *Joseph Borden*, Esquires, for their faithful and judicious Discharge of the Trust reposed in them.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker gave the Thanks of the House to those Gentlemen accordingly, being in their Places.

To which the Gentlemen made the following Reply, delivered by Mr. *Fisher*,

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‘ Mr. Speaker,
 ‘ Mr. Borden and myself beg Leave to assure this House, that in the Trust reposed
 ‘ in us, we have done no more than what was our indispensable Duty; and that we feel
 ‘ ourselves exceedingly happy, that what we have done, is so unanimously approved of
 ‘ by this honourable House.

On a Motion made,

Resolved,

That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Johnston, Mr. J. Lawrence, and Mr. Cooper, be added to the Committee appointed to correspond with the Agent of this Colony, in Great-Britain.

Resolved,

That the Committee of Correspondence, impowered by Law to draw upon the Treasury for Provincial Services, be desired to make a Draught for *One Hundred Pounds Sterling*, and put it into the Hands of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wetherill, and Mr. Johnston, to be by them transmitted to the Agent of this Colony; to be applied in soliciting the Repeal of the Stamp-Act, and such other late Acts of Parliament as particularly affect the Trade of the Northern Colonies; and direct the Agent to consult with the Agents of the other Colonies, in particular with *Dennis De Bert, Esq;* special Agent for the *Massachusetts-Bay*.

Mr. Smith, one of the Commissioners of Correspondence, laid before the House, Copies of sundry Letters he had lately sent to the Agent, in order to promote the Repeal of the Act commonly called the Stamp-Act, and other Acts affecting the Trade of the Colonies; which were read, and approved of.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 30, 1765.

The House met.

The Petition of *Joseph Burr, Christopher Wetherill, and Edward Brooks*, was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That this House, will at the next Sessions, make proper Compensation to *John Robins, Benjamin Davis*, and the other Persons concerned with them, for their extraordinary Activity and Resolution, in pursuing and apprehending *John Johnston, John Feagan*, and *John Grimes*, three notorious Felons; and delivering them up to Justice.

Whereas the late Act of Parliament, called the Stamp-Act, is found to be utterly subversive of Privileges inherent in, and originally secured by Grants and Confirmations from the Crown of *Great-Britain*, to the Settlers of this Colony: In Duty therefore to ourselves, our Constituents and Posterity, this House thinks it absolutely necessary to leave the following Resolves on our Minutes.

1. *Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That his Majesty's Subjects inhabiting this Province, are, from the strongest Motives of Duty, Fidelity, and Gratitude, inviolably attached to his Royal Person and Government; and have ever shewn, and we doubt not ever will, their utmost Readiness and Alacrity for acceding to the constitutional Requisitions of the Crown, as they have been from Time to Time made to this Colony.

2. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That his Majesty's liege Subjects in this Colony, are entitled to all the inherent Rights and Liberties of his natural born Subjects, within the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*.

3. *Resolved*

3. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That it is inseparably essential to the Freedom of a People, and the undoubted Right of Englishmen, that no Taxes be imposed on them, but with their own Consent, given personally or by their Representatives.

4. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That the People of this Colony are not, and from their remote Situation cannot be represented in the Parliament of *Great-Britain*; and if the Principle of taxing the Colonies without their Consent, should be adopted, the People here would be subjected to the Taxation of two Legislatures; a Grievance unprecedented, and not to be thought of without the greatest Anxiety.

5. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That the only Representatives of the People of this Colony, are Persons chosen by themselves; and that no Taxes ever have been, or can be imposed on them, agreeable to the Constitution of this Province, granted and confirmed by his Majesty's most gracious Predecessors, but by their own Legislature.

6. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That all Supplies being free Gifts; for the People of *Great-Britain* to grant to his Majesty the Property of the People of this Colony, without their Consent, and being represented; would be unreasonable, and render useless Legislation in this Colony in the most essential Point.

7. *Resolved; Nem. Con.*

That the Profits of Trade arising from this Colony, centering in *Great-Britain*, eventually contributes to the Supplies granted there to the Crown.

8. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That the giving unlimited Power to any Subject or Subjects, to impose what Taxes they please in the Colonies, under the Mode of Regulating the Prices of Stamp Vellum, Parchment and Paper, appears to us unconstitutional, contrary to the Rights of the Subject, and apparently dangerous in its Consequences.

9. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That any Incumbrance, which in Effect restrains the Liberty of the Press in *America*, is an Infringement upon the Subjects Liberty.

10. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That the Extension of the Powers of the Court of Admiralty within this Province, beyond its antient Limits, is a violent Innovation of the Right of Trials by Jury,---a Right which this House, upon the Principles of their *British* Ancestors, hold most dear and invaluable.

11. *Resolved, Nem. Con.*

That as the Tranquility of this Colony hath been interrupted through Fear of the dreadful Consequences of the Stamp-Act, that therefore the Officers of the Government, who go on in their Offices for the Good and Peace of the Province in the accustomed Manner, while Things are in their present unsettled Situation, will, in the Opinion of this House, be entitled to the Countenance of the Legislature; and it is recommended to our Constituents, to use what Endeavours lie in their Power, to preserve the Peace, Quiet, Harmony, and Good-Order of the Government, that no Hears, Disorders or Animosities, may in the least obstruct the united Endeavours that are now strongly engaged for the Repealing the Act abovementioned, and other Acts affecting the Trade of the Colonies.

His Excellency's Message of Thursday last, relating to the Fire at *Montreal*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be deferred till next Session.

The several Petitions from *Piscataway* and *Woodbridge*, relating to the new proposed Roads, were read the second Time; and the Consideration thereof is referred till next Session.

Mr. *John Allen*, late one of the Barrack Masters at *Trenton*, laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That the said Accounts be referred to Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, to settle in the Vacation, and make Report to the next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Hart*, do enquire and report to the next Session, what Wages are allowed by the several Colonies, to their Deputies, at the late Congress at *New-York*, that the House may be enabled the better to judge of the proper Compensation to be made to the Deputies from this Colony.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Isaac Bunting*, and others, praying, for the Reasons therein contained, Relief from Part of the Law passed last Session, for clearing out *Affisconk* Creek; which was read, and referred for Consideration at the next Session.

Ordered,

That the several Members do inquire into the Inconveniencies of the Insolvent Act, and report the same to the next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on the Council, and desire to know, whether they have any Business before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismissal.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself had performed the above Order, and the Council say, they have Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do wait upon his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message relating to the Fire at *Montreal*, acquaint him, that the House having met at this Time upon particular and very important Business, think it necessary to defer the Consideration of that Matter, till the usual Time of doing Business: That the House thank his Excellency for giving them this Opportunity, and having gone through what was immediately necessary, desire he will be pleased to dismiss them.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself had waited upon his Excellency with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in about an Hour.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*,

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

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Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make the following Speech: And then prorogued the House, to the 31st of *December* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

‘ **T**HE Concern I have for the Welfare of this Province, as well as a Sense of
 ‘ my Duty to the Crown, will not permit me to pass over in Silence the late
 ‘ unprecedented, irregular, and unconstitutional Meeting of a Number of
 ‘ your Members, at *Amboy*. No Part of my Conduct, since my Residence
 ‘ among you, could, I am sure, have given you the least Reason to imagine that I would
 ‘ any Ways obstruct the Channel of Communication between the good People of this
 ‘ Province and their Sovereign. The having Recourse, therefore, to such an Expedi-
 ‘ ent was the more inexcusable as it was entirely unnecessary. It besides gave a
 ‘ Sanction to the villainous Reports which some of the principal Officers of a neighbour-
 ‘ ing Proprietary Government had industriously propagated with Regard to me; and
 ‘ might, at such a Juncture, have been productive of the most fatal Consequences to
 ‘ myself and Family. I am far, however, from thinking that any of the Gentlemen,
 ‘ who were concerned in promoting the late Convention, intended me any Prejudice by
 ‘ that Meeting: But a Moment’s Reflection must have convinced them that there was
 ‘ a Danger of its having that Tendency.

‘ It is probable that the Temper of the People, at the Time, might have made a
 ‘ Meeting of their Representatives necessary. But I believe there is not a Man among
 ‘ them, the least acquainted with the Nature of Government, who can think it was
 ‘ proper to violate the Principles of the Constitution on the Occasion. Nothing but
 ‘ extreme Necessity can ever justify such a Measure. Every Breach of the Constitution,
 ‘ whether it proceeds from the Crown or the People, is, in its Effects, equally de-
 ‘ structive to the Rights of both. It is the Duty, therefore, of those who are entrusted
 ‘ with Government, to be equally careful in guarding against Encroachments from the
 ‘ one as the other. You must be sensible, that you have now the Happiness of having a
 ‘ Prince on the Throne, who would not himself infringe any of the just Privileges of
 ‘ his People, nor suffer it knowingly to be done by any of his Servants. The Ties of
 ‘ Gratitude and Justice, if there was no other Consideration, should then have induced
 ‘ you to have avoided every Invasion of his just Prerogatives.

‘ I was in Hopes that at your present Meeting, you would have thought it your
 ‘ Duty, and indeed for your Credit, as a House of Representatives, either to have
 ‘ disapproved the Conduct of your Members who attended the Convention at *Amboy*,
 ‘ or to have made some Apology for so illegal a Proceedure. This Expectation prevented
 ‘ my saying any Thing to you, on the Subject, at the Opening of the Sessions. But, to
 ‘ my great Surprise, I now find that you have not thought proper to do either the
 ‘ one or the other.

‘ However popular, *Gentlemen*, you may think this extraordinary Behaviour may
 ‘ prove with your Constituents, it is my Opinion that the sober discreet Part of them
 ‘ will very soon condemn it; and that the more inconsiderate among the People will do
 ‘ the same when they have Time to reflect, and to consider coolly their own Interest.
 ‘ It is the Remark of a very great Man, that “ *It is a most infallible Symptom of the*
 ‘ *dangerous State of Liberty, when the chief Men of a free Country shew a greater Regard*
 ‘ *to Popularity than to their own Judgment.*” And numerous are the Instances in
 ‘ History which evince the Justness of this Observation.

‘ I can with Truth, *Gentlemen*, declare, that it gives me great Pain to be under a
 ‘ Necessity of finding Fault with any Part of your Conduct: It has, however, in this
 ‘ Instance, been so very particular, that I should think myself unjustifiable both to his
 ‘ Majesty and the People, were I not to signify my Disapprobation of it. And this
 ‘ you may be assured I should have done by an immediate Dissolution of your House,
 ‘ but that such is the critical Situation of Affairs, at this Time, as to render it highly
 ‘ improper for the Province to be without the full Powers of Legislature. ‘ Thus

Thus have I, *Gentlemen*, spoken my Mind freely to you, as I would wish you to do to me if I should, by any unconstitutional Act of mine, give you the like Occasion. I have only to add, that I have the fullest Confidence in the Affections of the People of this Province, which I shall not fail to cultivate, by a faithful Discharge of my Duty to the Crown, and a constant Care of their Rights and Liberties. I trust you will do me the Justice, in your respective Counties, to make these my good Intentions rightly understood; and that you will use your utmost Endeavours to calm and heal all Animosities and Divisions, to support the Authority of Government, and to preserve the Peace and good Order of the Province.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House of Assembly,
I do appoint JAMES PARKER to print these
Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,

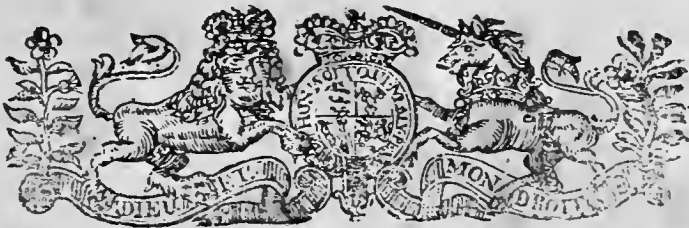
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OF THE
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OF THE
Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at
PERTH-AMBOY, June 11th, 1766, and
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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, WEDNESDAY, June 11, 1766.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 12, 1766.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him at Eleven o'Clock.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from Mr. *Abraham Clark*, one of the Clerks of the General Assembly, informing him, That the Circumstances of his Affairs were such, that he could not longer attend the Service of the House, as their Clerk, and returning the House his Thanks for the favourable Acceptance his past Endeavours have met with from them.

Whereupon it is ordered, that Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House do recommend Mr. *Jonathan Deare*, as one of the Clerks of this House, and request his Excellency to grant him a Commission for the same.

Stephen Crane, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly for the County of *Effex*, in the Stead of *Robert Ogden*, Esq; who lately resigned his Seat in this House. *Nicholas Stilwell*, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly for the County of *Cape May*, in the Stead of *Jacob Spicer*, Esq; deceased: And *Samuel Clement*, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly for the County of *Gloucester*, in the Stead of *Samuel Clement*, Esq; deceased; and all of them now attending, were admitted into the House, and being duly qualified before *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; thereto authorized by *Dedimus Potestatem*.

Ordered,

That they take their Seats accordingly.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that in Obedience to the Order of this Morning, Mr. *Keasbey*, and himself had waited on his Excellency, and acquainted him, that this House recommended Mr. *Jonathan Deare*, to be one of the Clerks of this House, and his Excellency was pleased to say, he approved of the Recommendation of the House, and would order a Commission accordingly.

Resolved,

That *Henry Richards* be Door-Keeper to this House.

A Message

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary, informing the House, That his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows:

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.*

“ **A**LTHOUGH I was desirous to have met you sooner, yet I postponed calling you together, till I was enabled to acquaint you of the Determinations of His Majesty and the British Parliament, on the Act for granting certain Stamp Duties in *America*. This Delay, I imagined, though it made the Session somewhat later in the Season than usual, would be more agreeable to you, than to be put to the Inconvenience of another Meeting on that particular Account.

“ IT gives me great Satisfaction that I have it now in my Power to communicate to you an Act for the repeal of that Statute, and to present you with my sincere Congratulations on the happy Termination of this most important Affair.

“ You will see, by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary *Conway's* Letter, that such is the kind and indulgent Disposition prevailing both in his Majesty and his Parliament, that they are inclined not only to indemnify those Persons who have incurred the Penalties of the Stamp-Act, but to give the Trade and Interest of *America*, every Relief which the true State of our Circumstances may demand or admit.

“ I HAVE likewise received a Copy of an Act for the better securing the Dependency of the Colonies on the Mother-Country. This I shall order to be laid before you, together with sundry Resolutions of the Honourable House of Commons, expressing their Sentiments of those late unwarrantable Transactions, which, unhappily, were too prevalent throughout the Colonies of *America*.

“ IT must, however, be mentioned to the Credit of *New-Jersey*, that no Act of Outrage or Violence, no Hurt to Person or Property, has been committed by the Inhabitants of this Province. The good Effects which have resulted from such Conduct, will, no Doubt, afford them great Pleasure in the Reflection. And they may be assured, that I have, from Time to Time, done them the Justice to make their prudent Behaviour, in this Respect, known to his Majesty's Ministers.

“ BUT I should think myself greatly wanting, was I not to take this Opportunity of acknowledging the Services rendered the Crown and this Province by Captain *Hawker*, Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Sardoine*, who, upon my Request, with great Politeness and Readiness, undertook the Care and Protection of the Stamp'd Papers destined for *New-Jersey*. Nor should I pass over without Commendation, the good
“ Conduct

“ Conduct of you Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly, who,
 “ together with the Chief Justice, and other Justices of the Supreme Court,
 “ many of the Justices of the Inferior Courts, and the most eminent of
 “ the Gentlemen of the Law, have likewise, in your and their respective
 “ Stations, been greatly instrumental in promoting and preserving the
 “ Peace and Order of the Province.

“ HAPPILY, the Storm which for some Time past raged so violently
 “ as to threaten the future Welfare of *Great-Britain* and her Colonies,
 “ is at length subsided. The Tenderness, Lenity, and Condescension---
 “ the Wisdom, Justice and Equity, which His Majesty and the Parlia-
 “ ment have manifested on this signal Occasion, cannot but make deep
 “ Impressions upon the Mind of every loyal *American* Subject, and excite
 “ the most lively Returns of Duty and Gratitude.

“ IT is needless, Gentlemen, I am convinced, for me to urge any
 “ Arguments to give you a just Sense of your particular Duty at this great
 “ Crisis; more especially as you will find it so fully and ably pointed out,
 “ in the very excellent Letter from His Majesty's Secretary of State.

“ ALL I shall add therefore, is my hearty Wishes, that there may be,
 “ henceforth, an indissoluble Union of the Hearts of all the King's Sub-
 “ jects in the Bonds of mutual Affection, so that there may remain no
 “ other Contention among them, but who shall exceed the other in con-
 “ tributing to advance the general Interest, Happiness, and Glory of the
 “ *British* Empire.”

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

Mr. *Smith* being indisposed, by Letter to the Speaker resigned his Seat in the House; in Consequence of his Majesty's Royal Directions, to be admitted of the Council for this Province, in the Room of *James Hude, Esq;* deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for electing a Representative to serve in General Assembly for the City of *Burlington*, in the Room of the said *Samuel Smith, Esq.*

The Deputy Secretary delivered the Letters and Papers referred to, in his Excellency's Speech.

The Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House, several Letters to and from the Agent; which were read, and ordered to lay on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth that the Gaol of the said County, in the City of *Burlington*, is inconveniently situated, and insufficient for the Purposes intended; and therefore praying an Act of General Assembly to purchase a Lot of Ground more convenient for erecting a Gaol, and such other publick Buildings: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Bergen*, praying an Act to recover and appropriate certain Fines laid by a Court Martial, in the said County of *Bergen*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Towns of *Greenwich* and *Bridgetown*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of said County, setting forth, That at the first settling and laying out the said Towns, sundry Streets and Lanes were left unfold, for the Convenience of those who should purchase Lots in said Towns, which Streets and Lanes, cannot be laid out as Highways are; and therefore praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Inhabitants of the Townships of *Fairfield* and *Greenwich*, in the County of *Cumberland*, having complied with an Order of this House, made the 22d of *November* 1763, and the chosen Freeholders of said Townships of *Fairfield* and *Greenwich*, having exhibited a Petition and Award under their Hands, for establishing and erecting a Ferry over *Cohansey* River, at the Town of *Greenwich*, under certain Regulations; the said Petition and Award was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Owners of the Saw-Mills and Forges, lying on the South West Branch of *Ancocas* Creek, called *Belly-Bridge Branch*, praying a Law for removing and clearing the Obstructions in said Creek, and deepening some particular Places therein; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, near *Horseneck*, setting forth, That a Petition had been presented to this House, for a Law to enable the Petitioners to cut a new Channel for the River *Passaick*; and setting forth, that such new Channel will be very disadvantageous, and therefore praying that no such Law may pass; was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Essex* and *Bergen*, setting forth, the Necessity of a Bridge over *Passaick* River, from the Land of *Walling Van Winkle*, to the Lands now belonging to the Congregation of the Reformed Dutch Church at *Aquackanonck*, and praying an Act for building the same; were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, praying an Act to lay out a publick Road, of four Rods wide, on the North Side of *Bergen* Point, along *Arthur Cull Bay*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Judges, Justices, and principal Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, praying an Act to allow the Coroners of the several Counties sufficient Compensation, for the Trouble of executing the said Office of Coroner; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Owners and Possessors of a Quantity of Marsh and Meadow, lying on the West Side of *Raccoon* Creek, in the County of *Gloucester*; praying an Act to oblige the Parties concerned, to keep up their several Shares of the Tide Bank, made in order to improve said Marsh and Meadow; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented from *William Gerrard*, of the County of *Gloucester*, praying an Act to confirm the Agreement between him, and the Commissioners appointed by a late Act of Assembly, for building a Toll Bridge over *Newton* Creek,
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in the said County, and for laying out a Road, from *Little Timber Creek*, over the said Creek to *Cooper's Ferry*, and to authorise him to erect such necessary Buildings, as shall be thought convenient for him and the Publick; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Dorsey*, setting forth, That he hath by Application and Study, found the Means of running down Ore into Pig Iron, in a Furnace, erected at a small Expence, without the Use of Water, Wheel, or Bellows; and praying an Act to secure to him a Profit from such Discovery, for the Time, and in the Manner usual in *Great-Britain*, on Discoveries beneficial to the Publick; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 13, 1766.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, for Reasons therein set forth, praying that an Act made at the late Sessions, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, may be repealed; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, by *Robert Milligin*, setting forth, That his Brother *Thomas Milligin*, was a Soldier in the *Jersey Regiment*, in Capt. *William Skinner's* Company, that he was taken Prisoner at *Oswego*, and is since dead; and at the Time of his Death, had Wages due to him, which are not paid, and praying that the House will order the said Wages to be paid to him; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, Proprietors of *Seacaucus*, praying, that proper Persons (for the Reasons therein set forth) may be appointed to settle, and finally determine the several Rights, Titles and Claims, in the Common Lands of the Township of *Bergen*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented by the Owners and Possessors of a Parcel of Meadow Grounds, lying on the lower Side of *Alloway's Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, praying a Law to compel the several Owners and Possessors, to contribute their Proportions towards keeping up and maintaining the Banks, Dams, Sluices, and other necessary Water Works, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented by *Edmund Wetherby*, and others, praying an Act to enable the Petitioners to bank and drain a Parcel or Tract of Marsh or Meadow Land, called *Killko's Hook* Marshes, in Lower *Penn's Neck*, in the County of *Salem*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and, with the Letters and Papers, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech, &c. and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave he reported as follows.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That an humble, dutiful and loyal Address, be presented to His Majesty, to express the grateful Sense this House entertains of His Majesty's paternal Goodness, and their unfeigned Thanks, for His gracious Assent to the Act for repealing the Stamp-Act; to which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech; to which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Government be supported for one Year, from the Twenty-fifth of May last; to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to His Majesty.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *R. Lawrence*, and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Doughty*, and Mr. *Anderson*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for the Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading*, Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Stikwell*, be a Committee to examine and report what Laws are expired, are near expiring, and what Matters were referred to this Session of Assembly.

The Petitioners for building a Bridge over the North Branch of *Big Timber Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, having given Notice, pursuant to an Order of this House, at the last Session, and no Objections appearing;

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petition.

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, at Abraham Roe's Landing*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Fairfield* and *Greenwich*, in the County of *Cumberland*, for erecting and establishing a Ferry over *Cobanscy River*, at the Town of *Greenwich*, under certain Regulations, &c. was read the second Time: And a Petition of *Mark Reeves*, setting forth, divers Inconveniences, &c. was also read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Kearney*, and Mr. *Clement*, do prepare and bring in a Bill.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Petition was presented from *Joseph Bergen*, and others, setting forth, That they were appointed by the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Somerset*, pursuant to Act of Assembly of this Province, to run the Lines between the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, that a Disagreement had happened between them, and those appointed on the Part of *Middlesex*; and that the Act in Puruance of which they were appointed, doth not make any Provision in Case of such Disagreement, and therefore pray the Relief of this House: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, by a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, for Reasons therein set forth, praying an Amendment, or a Repeat of an Act, made at the late Sessions, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Greenwich* and *Bridge-Town*, in the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth, that at the first settling and laying out said Towns, sundry Streets and Lanes were left unfold, for the Conveniency of those who should purchase Lots in said Towns; which Streets, &c. cannot be laid out as Highways are, and therefore, praying Relief in the Premises, was read the second Time, and ordered to be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

The Petition of the Owners and Possessors of a Quantity of Marsh and Meadow, lying on the West Side of *Raccoon Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petition.

Whereupon *Mr. Cooper*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, to keep up and maintain the Banks and other Water-Works around the same, and to constitute all Ten Foot Ditches therein lawful Fences*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Fisher*, *Mr. J. Lawrence*, *Mr. Borden*, *Mr. Johnston*, *Mr. Reading*, and *Mr. Hart*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to inspect and settle all publick Accounts, that may come before the House this Sessions, and report the same to the House.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock,

Saturday, June 14, 1766.

The House met.

Three Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, That the said Township is so large, and of such Extent, that great Inconveniences arise, as well to the Officers for levying the Provincial Taxes, as to the Inhabitants, and therefore, praying that the said Township may be divided; were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition presented by *Robert Milligin*, was read the second Time: Whereupon the House taking the same into Consideration, do refer the Petitioner to the Commissioners appointed by Law for the Payment of Soldiers taken during the late War.

The Petition of the Owners and Possessors of a Parcel of Meadow and Marsh on the lower Side of *Alloway's Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon *Mr. Keasbey*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a Branch putting out of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep and maintain the Banks, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Edmund Wetherby*, and others, praying an Act, &c. to Bank and Drain a Tract of Marsh or Meadow, called *Kilko's-Hook* Marshes, in *Salem* County, was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Keasbey* brought in a Bill, in Behalf of the Petitioners, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes bounding on Delaware River, between Long Point and Kilko Hook, in Lower Penn's Neck, in Salem County, to stop out the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Owners of Saw Mills and Forges, of the South-west Branch of *Ancocas* Creek, called *Belly-Bridge Branch*, &c. was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Doughty*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-west Branch of Ancocas*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, praying an Act to lay out a Road or publick Highway, on the North Side of *Bergen Point*, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of this Petition be referred until *Tuesday* next, when the House will hear all Parties, for and against the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Mr. *Borden* laid before the House two Letters from Mr. *De Bert*, special Agent for the *Massachusetts Bay*, which were read: The House taking the same into Consideration, do order, that Mr. Speaker give the Thanks of this House to the said Mr. *De Bert*, for his Affiduity and Attention to the Affairs of the Colonies, during the Application for a Repeal of the Stamp-Act.

Mr. *Borden* also laid before the House a Letter from Mr. *Otis*, of the *Massachusetts Bay*, which being read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the Support Bill.

A Petition was presented from the Trustees of the Road and Ferries, from *Newark* to the Road leading from *Bergen Point* to *Paulus Hook*, setting forth divers Inconveniencies in the late Act, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road from Newark*, &c. and praying, for the Reasons set forth in said Petition, that the House will repeal and amend the said Act, in the several Instances prayed for; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions for a Repeal of the late Insolvent Act, being read a second Time, and sundry of the Members of this House, having, pursuant to an Order made last Session, reported, that the above-mentioned Act is attended with many Inconveniencies: The House taking the same into Consideration;

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Keasbey* and Mr. *Clement*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow, &c. on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Miller*.

Mr.

Mr. *Reading* from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or are near expiring, and what Matters were referred to this Session of Assembly, made the following Report, *to wit*, That the Act, entitled, *An Act for reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for the better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* will expire this Session: That a Petition of *Isaac Bunting*, on Account of *Affisconck Creek*, was left for Consideration to this Session: That all public Accounts relating to the late War, were ordered to be settled this Session; and that a Bill for the Suppressing of Fairs, &c. was ordered to be brought in this Session, unless effectual Measures appear to have been taken, to remedy the Abuses complained of.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Ranjon*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to continue and amend the Bill, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.*

Ordered,

That the Petition of *Isaac Bunting*, on Account of *Affisconck Creek, &c.* be referred for Consideration, at the next Session of Assembly at *Burlington*.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported to the House, that the Abuses complained of, in Regard to private Drinking Houses, or any strong Drink being sold, otherwise than by licensed Houses, Gaming, &c. at the Time of *Burlington Fairs*, is removed and suppressed; and that the last Fair at *Burlington*, was held with Decorum and good Order.

Mr. *Keasbey*, with the Leave of the House, pursuant to an Order of last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on the South Branch of Stow Creek, in the Division Line between Salem and Cumberland Counties, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, June 16, 1766.

The House met.

A Memorial from the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, setting forth, the Insufficiency of the Salary allowed to a Chief Justice, and praying an Increase thereof, was read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the Support Bill.

A Petition was presented from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, living near both Sides of *Rariton River*, setting forth, that the Preservation of Fish, is of great Benefit to the several Inhabitants; and that several People have obstructed said River, and spoiled the Fishing, and praying a Bill for the Prevention of the same for the future; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, Proprietors of *Seacaucus*, praying, that proper Persons may be appointed to settle, and finally determine the several Rights, &c. in the Common Lands in the Township of *Bergen*; was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Keasbey*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, at Abraham Roe's Landing*, reported the same, with several Amendments

ments thereto ; which Bill, with the Amendments, being read, and several Amendments made thereto in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House taking into Consideration his Excellency's Speech, at the Close of the last Sitting of Assembly at *Burlington*; the same was read:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetberill*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee, to prepare the Draught of a Message to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Hertel* and *John Jacob Faish*, Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *John Lawrence*, from the Committee, appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

The House adjourned for Half an Hour.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

Divers Petitions were presented from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, and County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that the Court-House and Gaol of the said County, at *Perth-Amboy*, was, in *October 1764*, burnt down, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the same may be rebuilt at *Perth-Amboy*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, complaining of unequal Taxation, &c. as the Laws for that Province now stand; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented by the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; setting forth certain Doubts in the Law, for regulating the Fees of the Justices of the Supreme Court, &c. and praying such Relief in the Premises, as to the House shall seem expedient; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetberill*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of a Message to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech at the Close of the last Sitting of the Assembly at *Burlington*; delivered a Draught; which was read, and being amended;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Two Petitions were presented from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Skrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying for a Division of the said Township, &c. which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, June 17, 1766.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented, from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, praying, that this House will not interpose in appointing new Commissioners for laying out the Road from *Bergen Point*, along up *Newark Bay*, &c. as the Petitioners think the Law, already passed, sufficient for the Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Middlesex County*, praying, that the House would take into their Consideration, the Building a Court House and Gaol for said County, and do therein what they shall think most fit and reasonable; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented from divers Persons, Proprietors of the Lots on *Bergen Point*, for Reasons therein set forth, praying, that no Road may be laid out on the North Side of *Bergen Point*, and alledging, that the present Road is sufficient, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Newark*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that Commissioners may be appointed, to lay out a four Rod Road from such Part of the Road leading from *Bergen Point*, to *Bergen Town*, as they shall think fit; and join the said Road leading from the Town of *Bergen*, to *Abasimus*, near *Pawlus Hook*, at such Place, as they shall think most commodious for the Publick; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, for the Support of Government; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Message to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech at the last Sitting of Assembly, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows:

AS Your Excellency was pleased, at the Close of the last Meeting of the Assembly at Burlington, to speak your Mind freely to the House, and wished they would do the same to you; they therefore assure your Excellency, that the Concern they have for the Credit of this House, as well as a due Sense of the Honour of the Province they represent, will not permit them to pass over in Silence, your Excellency's warm and unmerited Censure of their Conduct at that Time, tho' your immediate Prorogation of the House prevented their then doing it, which they would willingly hope was not your Excellency's View, and beg Leave to request your Excellency, that if hereafter you shall think fit, thus publickly to arraign their Conduct, you will give them an Opportunity at the Time of answering for themselves.

A Moments serious Reflection would have shewn your Excellency, that this House did not merit your Censure, nor the Meeting you complain of, such Epithets; but it is not the Meeting alone, but the Consequences you complain of, and that not in this Province, but in the neighbouring Government; whatever Liberty the Officers of that Government may have taken with your Excellency's Character, and whatever Sanction your Excellency may think the Conduct of this House, may have given to their Reports, this House is at a Loss to conceive how, or why they are accountable for them; they meddle with no Affairs but their own, these they find sufficient to employ them; indifferent therefore, to the Politicks of that Government, they regard them no farther than they affect this Province, and having no Interest in the present Controversy there, they thought nothing of them, nor did they then see, nor yet can understand, how that Meeting could do you any Prejudice, or that any Danger could attend your Person or Family; sufficient it is for this House, that they

take such Measures, as conduce to the Tranquility of the Province they represent, and in this Point, your Excellency must acknowledge you have no Cause to complain.

The Temper of the People, at the Time your Excellency seems to admit, might have made a Meeting of their Representatives necessary; the Members thought so then, they think so yet, and had the Legislature been called, this Meeting had not happened; a Meeting at that Time, rendered absolutely necessary, to preserve the Peace, Quiet, and good Order of the Government, and which, they believe, few will think with your Excellency, was a Violation of the Principles of the Constitution, as Necessity urged the Members to it; So your Excellency might have spared so heavy a Censure upon an Assembly, whom your Excellency cannot charge with Want of Regard to you, since your Residence among them, nor of the least Disposition at any Time, to infringe upon the Prerogatives of the Crown; being conscious of this, they could not expect at so critical a Period, your Excellency would with so little Cause, have represented their Conduct, in a Manner that might have had the most fatal Effect, by drawing down his Majesty's Displeasure upon them.

Had your Excellency calmly considered this Meeting, divested of Appendages that no Ways belonged to it, you would have shewn no Surprise at their not disapproving of the Conduct of their Members, in meeting to confer upon Measures proper to be taken at that alarming Period; the Result whereof, was, the requesting some of their Number to join the General Congress, in petitioning the King, to relieve the Colonies from impending Ruin, with which they were then threatened, but would rather have been surprized, had this House made an Apology for it.

This House, acknowledges the Justness of the Remark quoted by your Excellency, and are sensible of the Observation, but as they had no Views to Popularity in Meeting, so no such Motives actuated them in their Resolutions, when met in General Assembly; they then thought, and have the Happiness to find, that their Conduct has had the Approbation of the Sober and Discreet; they cannot therefore but think this Observation might have been better spared.

This House, can with Truth declare, that it gives them Pain to be under a Necessity of defending their Conduct, but it has, in this Instance your Excellency complains of, been so little exceptionable, that they should think themselves unjustifiable to the People they represent, were they to take no Notice of your Excellency's Speech. Your Excellency has an undoubted Right to dissolve the House, and should exercise that Power, whenever an Assembly forgetting their Duty, are unprecedented, irregular, or unconstitutional; such Conduct, will be so far from prejudicing his Majesty's Service, that it will be of the greatest Benefit to his Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence, and Mr. R. Lawrence, do wait on his Excellency with the said Message.

The Eastern Treasurer having laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Leaming, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Borden, Mr. Clement, and Mr. R. Lawrence, or any three of them, be a Committee, to join the Committee of the

the Council, to inspect the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make report to the House; and that Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Stilwell, do inform the Council thereof, and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Hogbland being much indisposed, had the Leave of the House to be absent.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow, &c. on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments; which were read, and several Amendments being made in the House;

Ordered,

That the same, with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South West Branch of Ancocas Creek, &c.* was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Wetherill, and Mr. Borden.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp, lying on the South Branch of Stow Creek, &c.* was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Leaming, and Mr. Keasby.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes, bounding on Delaware River, &c. in Salem County*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. R. Lawrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a Branch putting out of Alloway's Creek, &c. in Salem County*; was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Keasby, and Mr. J. Lawrence.

The Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Gloucester; setting forth, that the said Township is so large, and of such Extent, that great Inconveniences arise, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Clement, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

A Petition was presented by the Inhabitants of Elizabeth-Town, praying a Law for laying out a Road, from the South-westermost Point, of Bergen Point, along up the Bay Side, and from thence to Paulus Hook; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, on both Sides of Raritan River, setting forth, that said River is obstructed by several People, whereby the Fishing in said River is spoiled, and praying a Bill for the Prevention thereof, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Runyon, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petitioners.

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The Petition from *William Gerrard*, of the County of *Gloucester*, praying an Act to confirm the Agreement between him, and the Commissioner, appointed by a late Act, for building a Toll Bridge over *Newton Creek*, &c. and to authorise him to erect such necessary Buildings, as shall be thought convenient &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *J. Lawrence* be a Committee to bring in a Bill, &c.

The House adjourn'd till Three P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, reported, that Mr. *R. Lawrence* and himself, delivered the Message to them entrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would take the same into Consideration.

A Petition from sundry of the Inhabitants upon *South-River*, setting forth, a pernicious Practice of setting Seins across said River, and driving the same, whereby great Destruction is made of the Fish, &c. And therefore praying for the Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed for preventing the same, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Preservation of Fish in the River *Raritan*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read* in these Words, viz.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ashfield*, Mr. *Woodruff*, and Mr. *Stevens*, or any two of them, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money, and that the Committees do meet for that Purpose. at the House of *William Wright*, To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Mr. *Welberill*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-West Branch of Ancocas Creek*, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments, which, with the Amendments, being read ;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Petition from the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, setting forth, certain Doubts in the Law for regulating the Fees of the Justices of the Supreme Court, &c. was read the second Time ; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the Table.

The Bill for Support of Government was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the aforesaid Bill ; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again ; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 18, 1766.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee, appointed to bring in a Bill, for preserving the Fish in the River *Raritan*, &c. brought in the Draught of a Bill, entituled, *An Act*

to prohibit the setting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the Rivers Raritan and South River, to prevent the Fish from going up in the proper Seasons of the Year, and to preserve the young Fry and Brood of Fish from being destroyed in said Rivers; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. R. Lawrence and Mr. Clement, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, &c. to keep and maintain the Banks and other Water Works around the same, and to constitute all Ten Foot Ditches therein lawful Fences*, was read and compared, and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, at Abraham Roe's Landing*, was read and compared, and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-West Branch of Ancocas Creek*, was read and compared, and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Vangieson and Mr. Crane, do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of Jacob Hertel, and John Jacob Faish, Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

William Bayard, Esq; attending, and desiring to be heard, upon the Petitions for a Bill for Commissioners to be appointed, to divide the common Lands appropriated to the Patent of Seacaucus, was called in, and assigning several Reasons, why he could not further attend the House this Session, and the House taking the same into Consideration;

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in for reviving and continuing the Bill for staying Waste in the said common Lands, instead of the Bill for appointing Commissioners, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Mr. J. Lawrence, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a small Branch of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams, and other Water Works on the said Meadows, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear*, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments; which was read.

Ordered,

That the same, with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. R. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Clement and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted to Mr. Read, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Van Giesen reported, that Mr. Crane and himself, delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

The Petitions for erecting a new Township in the upper Part of *Shrewsbury*, being again read, divers Inhabitants of *Shrewsbury* attending, and being called in, the House took the same into Consideration, and as it appears to this House, that *Shrewsbury* lays under great Disadvantages from its great Extent.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Session of Assembly, for annexing the said upper Part of *Shrewsbury*, to the Township of upper and lower *Freehold*, and to the Township of *Stafford*, unless the last mentioned Townships, then shew sufficient Reasons to the contrary; and that Notice of this Order, be fixed up in two or more publick Places, in each of the said Townships, six Weeks before the said next Sessions.

Mr. Dey, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to Naturalize Jacob Hertel, and John Jacob Faith*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend their Roads by a Tax; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved,

That *Henry Willmott*, Esq; be appointed Agent for this Colony of *New-Jersey*, in the Place and Stead of *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; and that the Committee of Correspondence, do inform the said *Joseph Sherwood* of this Resolve, and desire that he will transmit to them his Accounts with this Colony.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the Support of Government; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and came to several Resolutions; which by Leave he reported as follows:

Resolved,

That in and by the said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; *Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st Day of May last past; and on the Question, whether the House agreed to said Sum, or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Runyon,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Crane,

Y E A S.

Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Van Giesen,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Cooper,

Y E A S.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. Stilwell,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Doughy,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Leaming,
Who voted for £. 1000

To the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st Day of May last; and on the Question, whether the House agreed to the said Sum or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Van Geison*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Reading*,
Mr. *Hart*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*.

Who voted for £. 100.

To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of May last. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st Day of May last. To which the House agreed.

To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney-General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of May last. To which the House agreed.

To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Esqrs; Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st Day of May last. To which the House agreed.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of May last. To which the House agreed.

To *Henry Willmott*, Esq; appointed Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Warrell*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-Keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *WILLIAM FRANKLIN*, Esq; *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for House Rent; provided he make *Perth-Amboy*, or *Burlington*, the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for each Time. To which the House agreed.

And on the Question, whether the second Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, &c. in each County, shall issue at the Application of three Justices of the Peace, of the County (*Quorum unus*) without the Concurrence of the major Part of the Freeholders, chosen by the County; it passed as follows :

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Reading*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Hart*.

The Votes being equal, the Speaker gave his Vote in the Affirmative.

To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time, *Six Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To *Jonathan Deare*, one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; also Four Pence per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. To which the House agreed.

To the Secretary, for copying the Laws to send home to *England*, during the Continuance of this Act, Four Pence per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence per Pound*, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit. To which the House agreed.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Johnston*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Wetherill*, *John Hogland*, *John Ogden*, *Daniel Doughty*, and *John Lawrence*, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

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To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Sixpence per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To *John Johnston*, Esq; to pay for a Room for the Assembly, *Twenty Shillings per Week* : And also *Fifteen Shillings per Week* to pay for a Room for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Term. To which the House agreed.

To *Hendrick Fisher* and *Joseph Borden*, Esquires, for their Services and Expences, in attending the late Congress at *New-York*, *Thirty-two Pounds* each. To which the House agreed.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; for Expresses sent to convene the Council, and the House of Assembly, at this and the last Sitting at *Burlington*, the Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence*. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

A Petition was presented from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, praying Leave, to bring in a Bill to enable them to build a new Court-House, at the Town of *Bridgewater* in said County, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 19, 1766.

The House met.

Hendrick Fisher, Esq; one of the Barrack Masters for the Barracks at *New-Brunswick*, laid before the House, a Letter from the Secretary, by Order of his Excellency and Council, directing Quarters to be prepared, agreeable to Law, for a Detachment of Troops, which will immediately march through this Province; which being read, the House took the same into Consideration, and there being no Law of this Colony, enabling the Barrack Masters of the several Barracks, to provide for Troops that may be ordered to quarter in the same.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Fisher* and *Mr. J. Lawrence*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill, to enable the Barrack Masters of the several Barracks in this Colony, to make Provision for Troops quartered therein, agreeable to the former Laws pass'd in this Colony for that Purpose; and for providing for other incidental Charges.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes, between Long Point and Kilko's Hook, in Lower Penn's Neck, in the County of Salem, to stop out the Tide, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments; which, with the Amendments, were read, and several Amendments being made in the House;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was read the second Time, and several Amendments being made thereto in the House;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the setting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the River Raritan and South River, to obstruct the Fish going up in the proper Seasons of the Year, and to preserve the Fry and young Brood of Fish from being destroyed in said Rivers*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being made thereto in the House,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Township of Hartford, in the County of Gloucester*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Fisher, one of the Committee appointed last Session, to examine the Eastern Treasurers Accounts, relative to the Credit of *John Ten Brook's* Accounts, reported, that he had examined the same, and that it agrees with the Report made by the Committee that Session.

Ordered,

That the same be allowed accordingly.

A Petition was presented by *Cornelius Van Voorst*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing a Ferry from *Abasimus*, over to *New-York*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented by *Azariah Dunham*, *Ephraim Terrill*, and *Abraham Clark*, setting forth, that they, with others, were, by a Law passed the last Session, appointed Commissioners to view the Ground, and report the Practicability of shortening the Roads from *Borden Town* to *Second River*, &c. and that they had received no Satisfaction for their Services and Expences; and praying that Provision may be made for the Payment of the same; which was read.

It appearing to this House, that the Law passed last Session, sufficiently impowers the Commissioners therein named, to defray any Expences that they may be put to;

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Parker, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; without any Amendment.

The several Petitions for and against a Road being laid out from *Bergen Point*, along up *Newark Bay*, to *Paulus Hook*, were read the second Time: Also the Petitions of the Inhabitants of *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, praying that Commissioners may be appointed, to lay out a Four Rod Road, from such Part of the Road, leading from *Bergen Point* to *Bergen Town*, and to join said Road leading from the Town of *Bergen*, to *Abasimus*, at *Paulus Hook*, &c. were read:

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, appointing Commissioners to lay out and fix the same: Whereupon Mr. Ogden, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen-Point along up Newark-Bay, and from thence to Paulus-Hook*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying a Law, to purchase a Lot of Land, and erecting a Gaol for said County, and such other public Buildings, was read the second Time.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Petition from the Judges, Justices, and principal Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, praying an Act, to allow the Coroners of the several Counties, sufficient Compensation for executing that Office, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of this Matter be referred to the next Sessions, when the House will resume the Consideration thereof, and of other Petitions from other Counties to the same Purpose.

The several Petitions of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City of *Pertb-Amboy*, and County of *Middlesex*, for and against the building a Court-House and Gaol for said County, at *Pertb-Amboy*, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Court-House be fixed at *Pertb-Amboy* or not? It passed in the Affirmative as follows:

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Runyon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Doughly</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stilwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasbey</i> .
Mr. <i>J. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Reading</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> .		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 20, 1766.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Fisher*, do carry the same to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Majesty, delivered a Draught, which was read, and amended; and on the Question, whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative.

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Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> .
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasbey</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Runyon</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stilwell</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Reading</i> ,	
Mr. <i>R. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Doughly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> .	
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, delivered a Draught, which was read and amended; and on the Question, whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Township of Hartford, in the County of Gloucester*, was read the second Time; and committed to Mr. Keasbey and Mr. Stilwell.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol, for the County of Middlesex*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Southern Part of *Shrewsbury*, praying an Act for dividing and making the Southern Part thereof into a Township; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to establish a Ferry at the Town of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, to cross Cohansey Creek, to a Point of Land belonging to Mark Reeves, and to lay out a Road on the Westerly Side of said Point, to the Fast Land*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Joseph Bergen*, and others, Commissioners for settling the Division Line, between the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, setting forth, that a Disagreement had happened between them, and the Commissioners appointed on the Part of *Middlesex*, and as the Law, by Virtue of which the Commissioners were appointed, makes no Provision in Case of such Disagreement, praying the Relief of this House in the Premises, was read the second Time: The House taking the same into Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Reading, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for fixing the Division Line between *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, from *Inian's Ferry* to the *Mile-Run*.

The engrossed Address to his Majesty, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same, and deliver one Copy thereof to His Excellency, to be transmitted to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Conway, to be presented to His Majesty: And that one other Copy be transmitted by the Speaker, to *Henry Willmott*, Esq; the Agent of this Province, to be by him presented to His Majesty, in Case Mr. Secretary Conway should decline doing of it.

The engrossed Address to His Excellency, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Johnston do wait on His Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon with the Address of this House.

Mr. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground to build a New Gaol, and other necessary Buildings thereon*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. J. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee Simple Estate, in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns; and to empower the said William Gerrard, to build a House within the Bounds of the Road, for the more convenient receiving the Toll of said Bridge*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, delivered the Bill for Support of Government, to them entrusted, to the Council.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, had waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be waited on by the House with their Address; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in Half an Hour.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps lying on a small Branch of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Dams, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the setting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the Rivers Raritan and South-River, &c.* being read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had delivered their Address to his Excellency, in the following Words.

To His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of NEW-JERSEY, and Territories thereon depending in AMERICA, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, highly sensible of the Benefits that must attend a Repeal of the Act granting certain Stamp Duties in America, are glad of the Opportunity to return your Excellency our sincere Congratulations, on the happy Termination of this most important Affair.

With the gratefullest Sense of His Majesty's indulgent Disposition towards us, and the Justice of the British Parliament, we have taken the earliest Opportunity, of presenting our most sincere and hearty Thanks to His Majesty, for the Kindness shewn these Colonies.

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At the same Time, we reflect with Pleasure, that the Conduct of the People of this Province, has not disturbed your Excellency's Administration, nor been productive of any Act of Outrage or Violence; and as they have deserved, so we thank your Excellency for the Justice you have done them, in making this their Conduct known to His Majesty's Ministers.

The Gentlemen, who have distinguished themselves by Steadiness and Spirit in promoting Peace and good Order in this Colony, undoubtedly deserve your Excellency's Commendations, and the Acknowledgements of this House.

As the Storm that threatened the future Welfare of Britain and her Colonies, is now happily subsided, and as it is our earnest Wish, so we hope, and will contribute every Thing in our Stations, that an indissoluble Union shall henceforth cement his Majesty's Subjects in the Mother Country, and the Colonies

House of Assembly,
June 20, 1766.

Signed by Order of the House,
CORTLAND SKINNER, Speaker.

And that his Excellency gave his Assent to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 21, 1766.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes, bounding on Delaware River, between Long Point and Kilko's Hook, &c. to stop out the Tide, &c.* being read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasbey and Mr. Stilwell, do carry the same to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Jacob Hertel, and John Jacob Faish,* being read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen Point along up Newark Bay, &c.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Van Giesen, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Lands of Bergen, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Reading reported, that Mr. Runyon and himself, delivered the Bills to them intrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to fix and ascertain the Division Line, between the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, from Inians's, or French's Ferry, at the City of New-Brunswick, to Mile Run*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Keasbey, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Township of Hartford, in the County of Gloucester*, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments; which were read, and several Amendments being made in the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Keasbey, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp on the South Branch of Stow Creek, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments; which were read, and several Amendments being made in the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay out a Road on the southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, &c. and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek, from the Township of Greenwich to the said Road*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. R. Lawrence and Mr. Runyon.

The Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Essex* and *Bergen*, for a Bridge over *Passaick* River, at *Aquackanonck*, were read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That Mr. Ogden and Mr. Dey, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from the Trustees of the Roads and Ferries from *Newark*, to the Road leading from *Bergen Point* to *Paulus Hook*, &c. was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

Mr. Cooper, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act explaining who shall have the Right of Voting at the Elections of Township Officers*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, praying Leave, to bring in a Bill for building a new Court-House, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, at the next Sessions of Assembly, provided no reasonable Objection thereto then appears; and that it also then appears, that a Copy of this Minute has been publicly read, and fixed up, at the next Court of Quarter Sessions for said County.

Mr. Keasbey reported, that Mr. Stilwell and himself, delivered the Bill to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Ogden, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road, leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen, and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackintack*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Borden*, and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments, and uttering the same, knowing them to be counterfeit, in this Colony.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee Simple Estate in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton-Creek, &c. in William Gerrard, &c.* was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Borden*.

The Petition of *John Dorsey*, setting forth, that he hath invented and found the Means of running down Iron Ore into Pig, and separating the Dross in a Furnace erected at a small Expence, without Water, Wheel, or Bellows, &c. And praying a Profit for the Time, and in the Manner usual in *Great-Britain*, &c. was read the second Time. The House taking the same into Consideration ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Doughty*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Clement*, or any Three of them, be a Committee to confer with the said *John Dorsey*, upon the subject Matter of his Petition, and report the Utility of his Improvement, to the next Sessions of Assembly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground, to build a New Gaol, and other necessary Buildings thereon*, was read the second Time ; and on the Question ; whether it be fixed at *Burlington*, or left to the Justices and Freeholders to fix the Place ? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Miller*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol for the County of Middlesex, &c.* was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Stikwell*.

The Petitions of the Inhabitants of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, praying a Law to amend their Roads by Tax, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

Whereupon, Mr. *Reading*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three, P. M.

The House met, and adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Monday, June 23, 1766.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Jacob Hertel, and John Jacob Faish*, being read and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen Point, along up Newark Bay, &c.* being read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp on the South Branch of Stow Creek, &c.* being read and compared, and several Amendments being made in the House, on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ogden and Mr. Johnston, do carry the above Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. J. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments, or uttering the same in this Colony, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Lands of Bergen, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Fisher, and Mr. J. Lawrence.

The Bill entitled, *An Act explaining the Right of Voting at Town Meetings and the Elections of Township Officers,* was read the second Time, and several Amendments being made in the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Johnston reported, that Mr. Ogden and himself, delivered the Bills to them intrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

Mr. Ogden, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Essex and Bergen, to build a Bridge over Passaick River, near the Dutch Church at Acquackanonck,* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act, to an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road, leading from Bergen-Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen, and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the River Passaick and Hackinsack,* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Cooper.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act for laying out a Road from Newark, to the publick Road leading from Bergen-Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River, &c. and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack,* reported the same with several Amendments, which, with the Amendments were read, and several Amendments being thereto made in the House; on the Question, whether the same be engrossed or not? It passed as follows:

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Mr. *Johnson*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Crane*,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Y E A S.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Clement*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Hart*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*.

Mr. *Borden*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground to build a New Gaol, and other necessary Buildings thereon*, was committed; reported the same with several Amendments, which were read; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol, for the County of Middlesex*, was committed; reported the same with several Amendments, which were read; and several Amendments being made thereto, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose; brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners, for supplying the several Barracks erected in this Colony, with Furniture and other Necessaries for accommodating the King's Troops in, or marching through this Colony, and for defraying other incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made one Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-West Branch of Ancocas Creek*; to which they desired the Concurrence of this House, and delivered the Bill and Amendment in at the Table. Also acquainting the House, that the two Bills, one entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, &c.* the other, entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; have passed the Council without any Amendment.

The Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-West Branch of Ancocas Creek*, was read in its Place; to which the House agreed. And ordered the said Bill, with the Council's Amendment, to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, June 24, 1766.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-West Branch of Ancocas Creek*, with the Council's Amendment, being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Keasbey, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them, that this House have agreed to their Amendment thereto, and passed the same accordingly.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Keasbey and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act explaining the Right of Voting at Town Meetings and the Elections of Township Officers*, being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Township of Hartford, in the County of Gloucester*, being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground to build a New Gaol, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question: It passed in the Affirmative.

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NAYS.

Mr. Johnson,

Mr. Clement,

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Runyon,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Keasbey,

Mr. R. Lawrence,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Leaming,

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. J. Lawrence,

Mr. Stilwell,

Mr. Van Gieson,

Mr. Borden,

Mr. Hart.

Mr. Dey,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Daugherty.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence, and Mr. R. Lawrence, do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Lands of Bergen, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments, which were read; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee Simple Estate, in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments; which were read, and several Amendments being made thereto in the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the Counties of Essex and Bergen, to build a Bridge over Passaick River, &c.* was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. J. Lawrence reported, that Mr. R. Lawrence and himself, delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was presented from several of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying an Alteration in the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges ; which was read ;

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the same be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* has passed the Council without Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the setting of Nets, Seins, and other Devices, in the River Raritan and South-River, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes bounding on Delaware, between Long-Point and Kilko-Hook, &c. to stop out the Tide, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a small Branch of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Dams, &c.* are all passed the Council without any Amendment.

The Petition of *Azariah Dunbam* was read, setting forth, that the fixing of the Line of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*, in *Albany-Street*, in *New-Brunswick*, is highly disadvantageous to the County of *Middlesex*, and praying that the *Middlesex* Commissioners may be heard ;

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly, when the House will hear both Parties.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in this Colony with Furniture, and other Necessaries, &c. and for defraying other incidental Charges* ; was read the second Time ; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol for the County of Middlesex*, being read and compared ; and on the Question, whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Ranson,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Doughy,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Stilwell,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Keasbey,
Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Reading,		
Mr. Borden,	Mr. Hart.		

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay out a Road on the South Side of Cohansey Creek, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments ; which were read, and several Amendments being made in the House ; on the Question,

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the same be engrossed

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Bill to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 25, 1766.

The House met.

A Message from the Governor, by the Deputy Secretary, in the following Words.

Gentlemen,

A Few Weeks ago, I received an Account from Col. *Van Campen*, of a Murder and Robbery committed in *Sussex*, on the Body and Effects of an *Oneida* Indian. The Murderer, it seems, was taken up, and committed to the County Gaol, but was rescued the same Evening by a Number of Persons in Disguise. I immediately issued a Proclamation, offering a Reward for the Perpetrator of the horrid Act, and his Abettors, and directed the Magistrates and Officers of Government to exert themselves on the Occasion. I also wrote to Sir *William Johnson*, His Majesty's Superintendant for Indian Affairs, to desire he would use his good Offices, in accomodating this Matter with the Indians, and prevent their shewing any Resentment to the Frontier Inhabitants. He acquaints me in his Answer, that "the Indians had sent him some Belts on that Head some Days before, and are *very uneasy* the rather as they have Reason to apprehend, from the Conduct of several of the Frontier Inhabitants of the neighbouring Colonies, that many more will share the same Fate; for the ill-timed Resentment of these People, seems so prevalent, that it will be extremely difficult for Government to prevent them from insulting the Indians, and more so to curb the Resentment of the latter, who will *certainly* go about to redress themselves, unless something *effectual* be done, at least to prevent the like for the future; for this is only one amongst several Instances of the like Nature, lately committed on the neighbouring Frontiers, and the Indians make little or no Distinction of Persons or Provinces, when full of Resentment."

HAVING lately heard that the Murderer still continued in the County, and that no effectual Means had been taken by the Officers there to apprehend and bring him to Justice, I acquainted the Council therewith; who have, as you will see by the Papers now laid before you, advised the employing some active Persons of *Morris* County, in that necessary Service. This has been done, and the Person suspected of the Murder, is secured in the County Gaol of *Sussex*; but it appears from the best Intelligence which can be obtained, that there is great Reason to believe he cannot be brought to a fair Trial in that County, nor executed, even if he should be convicted, without exciting dangerous Commotions.

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‘ It is really an alarming Consideration, that after so much Blood and
 ‘ Treasure has been expended in obtaining a Peace with the Indians,
 ‘ that there should be found among ourselves Men so very abandon’d as
 ‘ to endeavour to involve the Provinces again in all the Calamities of an
 ‘ Indian War; and that this will be the Case, seems very probable from
 ‘ Sir *William Johnson’s* Letter, unless a timely Stop is put to the Folly and
 ‘ Wickedness of the Frontier People in this Respect. There are, no
 ‘ doubt, among them a Number of well-disposed Persons, who have
 ‘ a just Abhorrence of the Conduct of their Neighbours; but it really
 ‘ appears that they are too few to do what is requisite to be done for their
 ‘ own Safety. I must therefore request, that you would pay a serious
 ‘ Attention to this Matter; and, in Order to bring to condign Punishment,
 ‘ those who have already transgress’d, and to prevent the like Offences in
 ‘ future, that you would prepare an Act, to make them liable to be tried
 ‘ and punished in any of the Counties of the Province which the Justices
 ‘ of the Supreme Court shall judge most suitable.

W. FRANKLIN.

Which being read,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Johnson*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Jacob Hertel, and John Jacob Faish*; also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen-Point, up along Newark-Bay, and from thence to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson’s River, &c.* also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on the South Branch of Stow Creek, to maintain the Bank, Dam, and other Waterworks across the said-Creek, to prevent the Tides, &c.* have all passed the Council without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act, to an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, to the publick Road leading from Bergen-Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson’s River, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question, whether the same do pass, it was carried as follows:

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Mr. <i>Johnson</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasbey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Runyon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sutwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Doughty</i>	Mr. <i>Reading</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Gieser</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> .	Mr. <i>Dey</i> .

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste, &c. upon the Common Land, allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

Nemine Contradicente, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee Simple in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the Counties of Essex and Bergen, to build a Bridge over Passaick River, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson*, and Mr. *Crane*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Hart*.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himself, delivered the Bills to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, complaining of unequal Taxation, as the Laws for that Purpose now stand, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of this Matter be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Borden* from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the Roads of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same*, reported the same, with several Amendments, which were read, and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Petition was presented from a Number of the Owners and Possessors of the Lands and Meadows adjoining to *Passaick River*, in the County of *Essex, Somerset, and Morris*, setting forth, that they have received great Damage, occasioned by a Mill-Dam built across said River, belonging to *Samuel Woodruff, Esq;* and praying the Relief of this House, which was read, and the Parties attending, and being desirous to be heard, were called in;

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary in the following Words.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I Was in Hopes, that as His Majesty and His Parliament had been
 ‘ graciously pleased to forgive the late *Irregularities* in the Colonies,
 ‘ it would have been the Inclination and Endeavour of every prudent
 ‘ Person that they should likewise be forgot. In these Expectations I
 ‘ find myself greatly disappointed, by your Message in Answer to my
 ‘ Speech at the Close of the last Session. You have therein revived a
 ‘ Subject which I imagined “ a due Sense of the Honour of the Province,”
 ‘ would have induced you to wish buried in Oblivion. Had you, however,
 ‘ contented yourselves with giving an unfair Representation of what I
 ‘ then

‘ then said and did, I should probably have passed it over unnoticed ; but
 ‘ as you have likewise attempted to justify your Proceedings, and thereby,
 ‘ as far as in your Power, establish a Precedent for the like Conduct in
 ‘ future, the Duty of my Station will not suffer me to be silent.

‘ BEFORE I enter into a particular Consideration of your Message, I
 ‘ think it necessary to give a succinct Detail of the Matter in Dispute
 ‘ between us, as I hear it has been much agitated and greatly misrep-
 ‘ sented, in many Parts of the Province.

‘ AT a Sessions held at *Burlington*, in *June*, 1765, a Letter from the
 ‘ Speaker of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, was laid before the House, requesting
 ‘ them to appoint Commissioners to meet those of other Provinces at an
 ‘ intended Congress in *New-York*. The House, after taking the same
 ‘ into “ *deliberate Consideration*,” determined (as appears from their own
 ‘ Words) “ *unanimously against connecting on that Occasion*,” and directed a
 ‘ Letter to be wrote at the Table to the Speaker of the *Massachusetts-*
 ‘ *Bay*, acquainting him with their Determination ; which was done
 ‘ accordingly, approved of, and ordered to be signed by the Speaker.
 ‘ Not long after, the Speaker, with the Advice and Concurrence (as I
 ‘ understand) of some others of the House, thought proper to write a
 ‘ circular Letter to all the Members, desiring their Attendance at *Amboy*.
 ‘ In Pursuance of this new and extraordinary Kind of Summons, a Number
 ‘ of them met, but others, more wisely, refused to attend: However,
 ‘ those who did appear, tho’ not more than Twelve of the Representatives,
 ‘ immediately proceeded to Business. The Speaker took the Chair, one
 ‘ of the Members was appointed to act as Clerk, Debates ensued, and the
 ‘ Result was, They set aside that *unanimous* Resolution which the House,
 ‘ in their constitutional Capacity, had made after *deliberate Consideration*,
 ‘ and, in direct Opposition thereto, appointed a Committee to attend the
 ‘ Congress at *New-York*. Two of their Number, with the Speaker,
 ‘ being nominated, undertook the Service, had a Copy of their Appoint-
 ‘ ment certified by the Clerk, which they produced at the Congress as
 ‘ their Authority for attending that Meeting. The Speaker, it seems,
 ‘ by refusing to sign the Addresses prepared there, gave great Offence to
 ‘ many of the People, and it was judg’d necessary that there should be a
 ‘ Meeting of the whole Legislature, to prevent Disturbances on that
 ‘ Account. Nine Members then joined him in requesting me to call
 ‘ such Meeting, which I immediately complied with, agreeable to a
 ‘ Declaration I had made soon after my Arrival in the Province. The
 ‘ Assembly met on the 26th of *November* at *Burlington*, and entered into
 ‘ sundry Resolutions relative to Rights and Privileges. I was in daily
 ‘ Expectation that they would likewise either condemn, or make some
 ‘ Apology for the illegal Meeting at *Amboy*; and as I thought it would be
 ‘ more for their Honour and Credit as a House, that they should do this
 ‘ of their own Accord, than in Consequence of my reminding them of
 ‘ their Duty, I omitted saying any Thing to them on the Occasion. But
 ‘ what was the Conduct of the House at this Juncture? They came to a
 ‘ Resolution, purporting, th t they not only approved of the Proceedings
 ‘ of the Congress, but of the “ *Appointment of the Committee*” who
 ‘ attended

attended in Behalf of this Province: Thus giving all the Sanction they could to the Meeting at *Amboy*, and fixing a Precedent for the like hereafter. I received a Copy of the Minutes containing this Resolve in the Evening, when two of your Members happened to be with me. I told them that I was sorry to see that Resolve, as I expected one of a quite different Nature, and was now put under the disagreeable Necessity of saying something to the House on a Subject which I was in Hopes to have avoided. They said they disapproved of that Part of the Resolve at which I took Exceptions, as much as I did, and wished it had never passed. Next Morning a Member acquainted me, that the House had struck out of their Minutes the exceptionable Part of the Resolve of the preceding Day, and hoped that would satisfy me. My Answer was, that the House had so far acted right, but as they had not thought proper to disapprove or apologize for that unconstitutional Meeting at *Amboy*, there was still the same Necessity for my taking Notice of it as ever; for a total Silence might be deemed as much an Acquiescence with it as an express Approbation. In less than an Hour afterwards, I received a Message from the House, acquainting me, that they had gone through their Business, and desired to be dismissed: And notwithstanding the House must have been well convinced, that I intended to signify my Disapprobation of their Conduct before I prorogued them; yet neither before nor after the Delivery of my Speech, tho' some Pause ensued between that and the Prorogation, did they in the least intimate that they should be glad of an *Opportunity* of answering it.

As you know, Gentlemen, this to be a true State of the whole of that Transaction, with what Colour of Justice can you then insinuate, that it was my "*View to prevent, by an immediate Prorogation, your having an Opportunity at the Time of answering for yourselves?*" I detest the Thought. And were you even more formidable Opponents, than by that Insinuation you seem to think yourselves, yet should I scorn to have Recourse to so pitiful an Expedient: For, however, I may fail in Abilities to manage, yet I hope I shall never want Resolution to engage in any Matter which my Duty may make necessary.

A Moment's serious Reflection (you say) would have shewn me that this House did not merit my Censure, nor the Meeting I complain of such Epithets." You are mistaken, Gentlemen, for tho' I have had several *Months* serious Reflection on that Subject, yet am I as fully satisfied as I am of any Truth whatever, that the Meeting was "unprecedented, irregular, and unconstitutional;" and consequently that your House, as you not only refused to acknowledge this, but endeavour'd as far as in you lay to make it a Precedent, did merit the Censure you received on that Account.

You proceed to say, "it is not the Meeting alone, but the Consequences I complain of, and that not in this Province, but in the neighbouring Government." Here again, you are mistaken, Gentlemen, I never so much as thought of complaining to you of any Consequences in another Government, and I am amazed how you could give any Words in my Speech so forc'd a Construction. Reports had been industriously spread

‘ spread through this Province, that I had arbitrarily refused, though
 ‘ frequently requested, to let the Assembly have an Opportunity of peti-
 ‘ tioning the Crown and Parliament. These Reports were very generally
 ‘ credited by the People, especially when they received so strong a Confir-
 ‘ mation of them, as the lawless Convention at *Amboy*; a Measure which
 ‘ they never could suppose the Members would have gone into, unless they
 ‘ had failed in procuring a Meeting in the regular and accustomed Manner.
 ‘ The general Ferment which then prevailed, added to the Intelligence I
 ‘ received, gave me sufficient Reason to apprehend ill Consequences to
 ‘ myself and Family in this Province. Had I mentioned these Reports,
 ‘ without saying from whence they sprang, it would have appeared as if I
 ‘ meant to lay them to the Charge of the Inhabitants of *New-Jersey*. I
 ‘ knew them to be innocent, and therefore determined to clear them of the
 ‘ Imputation, by pointing out the Authors of the Villainy, and the Place
 ‘ of their Residence. I little suspected that in doing this I should incur
 ‘ your Displeasure, or that it was possible for you to conceive that I thereby
 ‘ intended to *interest* you in the “ present Controversy there.” I am as
 ‘ indifferent to the Politicks of that Government” as you can be; and I
 ‘ think I have not shewn any “ Regard for them farther than they affect
 ‘ this Province.” But suppose that a Chinese Mandarin, had contrived to
 ‘ propagate those Reports, are you, because I happen to mention the
 ‘ Person and Country, to conceive that I want to *interest* you in the
 ‘ *Politicks* of the Government of *China*?” And yet you might as reasona-
 ‘ bly do one as the other.

‘ It is true, as you say, that I admitted “ the Temper of the People
 ‘ might have made a Meeting of their Representatives necessary.” But
 ‘ I said at the same Time, that “ I believed there was not a Man
 ‘ among them, the least acquainted with the Nature of Government,
 ‘ who could think it was proper to violate the Principles of the Consti-
 ‘ tution on the Occasion.” You tell me, however, that you “ believe few
 ‘ will think with me, that the Meeting was a Violation of the Principles
 ‘ of the Constitution, as Necessity urged the Members to it.” If that is
 ‘ all the Reason for their Opinion it amounts to just Nothing, as no
 ‘ such *Necessity* ever existed, nor could have existed, unless a Meeting was
 ‘ no otherways to be obtained. By your saying, that “ *had the Legislature*
 ‘ *been called, this Meeting had not happened,*” you unkindly leave the
 ‘ World to imagine, that I had refused to call a Meeting of the Legisla-
 ‘ ture, as had been reported; but you must be conscious that no Applica-
 ‘ tion for that Purpose had then been made to me, notwithstanding I had
 ‘ often declared that upon such a Request from the Speaker and about
 ‘ Nine Members I should be ready to gratify them all in my Power.

‘ WHY you should mention, that “ I cannot charge you with Want
 ‘ of Regard to me since my Residence among you” I am at a Loss to
 ‘ apprehend. I have never even intimated any Thing of the Kind; on
 ‘ the contrary, I told you in the very Speech you object to, that “ I was
 ‘ far from thinking that *any* of the Gentlemen who were concerned in
 ‘ promoting the late Convention *intended* me any prejudice by that
 ‘ Meeting.”

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‘ WHATEVER

‘ WHATEVER you may think, Gentlemen, it has always been, and still is, far from my Inclination to “ represent your Conduct in a Manner that might draw down His Majesty’s Displeasure.” I have taken every Opportunity to testify my Approbation of it, where I could do it with any Propriety. I was particularly unwilling to say any Thing to you on this Subject, and therefore did not so much as mention it to you at the opening of the last Session, nor until the Close, in hopes that a just Sense of your Duty would make it needless. It is not, however, my Representation of your Conduct, that can bring you under the Displeasure of His Majesty, but your Conduct itself;---your unnecessarily “ infringing on the Prerogatives of the Crown,” and then attempting to justify your Proceedings, when you well knew that some small Acknowledgment that they were owing to Accident or Inadvertence, or to the Confusion of the Times, and that you did not mean they should be drawn into Precedent, would have been deemed quite satisfactory. .

‘ You afterwards speak of this Affair by the soft Terms of “ Members meeting to *confer* on Measures,--the Result whereof was, the *requesting* some of their Members to join the General Congress,” &c. But in your printed Votes, you stile them a “ *Committee*,” say “ *Deputies* from this Colony,” and say that they were “ *appointed* to attend the late Congress at *New-York* ” Give me Leave to ask you, Gentlemen, if the Populace should get Intelligence of your late Address to the Crown, and should chance to disapprove of it as much as they did of your Letter to the Speaker of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, whether a Number of the Members might not assemble themselves together, vote your Address a Nullity, and direct another to be sent over diametrically opposite? Surely, if once your Doctrine and Practice become established, they may not only do this, but, with equal Right and Propriety, annul every other Act and Resolution of your House during the Session.---This is the Door you are opening to let in sure Destruction to the Constitution. This is the Conduct, which, you say, you “ have the *Happiness* to find has had the *Approbation* of the *Sober* and *Discreet*.” I will not, Gentlemen, pretend to dispute with you the Sentiments of your Constituents; you must be supposed to know them best: All I can say is, that if they are really of the Opinion you mention, I am very sorry for it. I should have thought, from the Knowledge I have of them, that they had too much Sense and Spirit not to resent such an Imputation as a Reflection upon their Understandings.

‘ UPON the Whole, it gives me great Concern to find, that at a Time when the Colonies have so many Adversaries representing them as disloyal and averse to all Government, so respectable a Body as the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province should openly declare, That some of their Members *assembling* by their *own Authority*, appointing a *Committee*, and even *disannulling* an Act of the House when legally convened, is not “ unprecedented, irregular, or unconstitutional;” and that such Conduct has the *Approbation* of the *sober* and *discreet* Part of the People. Surely, Gentlemen, this Declaration “ might have better been spared,” especially as you have not supported it with a single Fact or the least Shadow of Argument.

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‘ THE best and wisest of Men are liable to Frailties and Errors, and there are Instances where such Men have thought it no lessening of their Dignity, but even an Honour, to acknowledge and rectify their Mistakes. I heartily wish you the same Honour, and that, in order to obtain it, you would no more usurp or interfere with the proper Rights of another Branch of the Legislature, nor tenaciously persist in attempting to justify what is in its own Nature unjustifiable.”

June 24, 1766.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Message have a second Reading.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Robert Simonds, alias Seymore, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Suffex, for Felony and Murder in the said County committed*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee to settle in the Vacation, the Account of John Allen, late Barrack Master at Trenton, reported the same as follows.

Dr. The Province of New-Jersey, to John Allen, Barrack-Master at Trenton.	per Contra	Cr.
	By sundry Expences expended on the Barracks as per Vouchers.	£. 09:14:05
	By his Commissions from April 17, 1764, to October 7, 1765, he ha- ving done the Duty of both Bar- rack-Masters. - - - - -	30:03:04
		<u>£. 39:17:09</u>

We the Subscribers, being appointed to settle John Allen's Accounts in the Vacation, do hereby certify, that we have examined the Receipts and Vouchers relative to the said Account, and do report the same as above-stated.

June 6, 1766.

JOSEPH BORDEN.
JOHN LAWRENCE.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks, &c. and for defraying other incidental Charges*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence, and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bill to the Council; for their Concurrence.

The House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 26, 1766.

The House met.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, informed the House, That Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer, had laid before them a Bag of Bills, which he received from the Executors of Samuel Nevill, Esq; deceased, late one of the Signers; some of them are dated July 2, 1746, and signed by Isaac Decow, solely; others of them are dated September 8, 1755, and signed by Henry Paxson, only; some

Some few are dated *May 1, 1758*, and unsigned ; containing in the whole the Sum of £.996-5. That upon inspecting the late Treasurer *Johnston's* Accounts, (not entered in the Minutes) as settled by the Committees with Mr. *Johnston's* Executors in 1762, they find a Charge touching the Money struck for the exchanging ragged Bills of £. 987-11. 4. allowing the Difference to be some Mistake, not now to be accounted for, as all the Persons concerned therewith, are deceased ; the Committee of both Houses, are unanimously of Opinion, that the said Bills are the Sum mentioned in Mr. *Johnston's* Account aforesaid ; and lastly, that from the Date of the Bills, and Decease of the Signers, they cannot properly be rendered useful for exchanging ragged Bills, or any other Currency.

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Committees burn the said Bills, and that Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Keasbey* wait upon the Council with this Minute for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out a Road on the Southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek, &c.* being read and compared ; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Keasbey*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself, delivered the Bill and Message to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments ;* was read the second Time ; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax, &c.* being read and compared ; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Crane*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Robert Simonds, alias Seymore, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Suffex, &c.* being read the second Time ; on the Question, whether the same be engrossed ? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that in Conformity to his Message of Yesterday, relating to the Trial of *Robert Simonds*, alias *Seymore*, the House ordered a Bill to be brought in for that Purpose ; and that upon mature Consideration thereof, on the Question, the House ordered that said Bill do lie on the Table.

His

His Excellency's Message of Yesterday Afternoon, being again read;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Message in Answer thereto.

A Petition was presented by *James Brooks*, late Sheriff of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that the Gaol of said County, was in *October* 1764, burnt down, since which Time, there has been no proper Gaol for the confining Prisoners; and that divers Actions have been commenced against him for Escapes, &c. and praying the Relief of this House; which was read,

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sessions.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, thatt he Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground to build a New Gaol, &c.* also the Bill, entitled, *An Act explaining the Right of voting at Town Meetings, and the Election of Township Officers*, have passed the Council without any Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectually preventing the Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Clement*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

		<i>per Contra</i>	Cr.
Dr. <i>The Province of New-Jersey, to Hendrick Fisher, Esq; as Commissioner, to pay the New-Jersey Regiment in the Month of November, 1762.</i>			
To a Mistake in Capt. <i>Coryell's</i> Muster-Roll, settled by a Committee in <i>June, 1765.</i>	£. 05:17:06	By a Balance due the Province on the billeting Account, as settled by the Committees in <i>June, 1763,</i>	£. 20:05:03½
To Cash paid several Soldiers their Months Pay since the Settlement in <i>June, 1765, as per Vouchers.</i>	36:03:00	By Ditto on Account as Commissioner, settled by a Committee in <i>June, 1765,</i>	12:04:03.
	£. 42:00:06	Balance due from the Province,	10:07:09
To Commissions, at two per Cent.	16:09.		£. 42:17:03½
	£. 42:17:03½		

We three of the Committee on publick Accounts, having carefully examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, do find a Balance due from the Province to *Hendrick Fisher, Esq; of Ten Pounds Seven Skillings and Nine-pence.*

JOHN JOHNSTON.
JOHN HART.
GEORGE READING.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to Timothy Edwards, one of the Commissioners*

1764.	To Amount of Sundries per Vouchers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£. 698:12:11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Commissions at 2 per Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	-	13:19:05 $\frac{1}{2}$
1765.								
June 27.	To Cash paid Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer, per Receipt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	161:07:02 $\frac{3}{4}$
								<u>£. 873:19:08</u>

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relative thereto, and do report the same as above stated.

JOHN JOHNSTON.
JOSEPH BORDEN.
JOHN HART.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with James Neilson, Esq;*

1761.	To sundry Disbursements as Muster-Master, per Vouchers produced, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	£. 2091:03:05
1762.	To Ditto, as Ditto, per Ditto,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2585:19:00
	To Commissions at 1 per Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	-	46:15:05
								<u>£. 4723:17:10</u>

We the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined and inspected the above Account and Vouchers, and find a Ballance of *Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings and Ten-pence*, Proclamation Money, due from the Province of *New-Jersey*, to *James Neilson, Esq;* as Muster-Master for the Years 1761 and 1762.

HENDRICK FISHER.
JOSEPH BORDEN.
GEORGE READING.

The House adjourned for Half an Hour.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens*, acquainting the House, that the Council concur with the Votes of the House of Assembly this Day, relating to the unsigned Money in the Hands of *Stephen Skinner, Esq;*

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary, which was read in the Words following :

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ **B** EING informed that some Doubts have lately arisen, whether the
‘ Acts of Parliament relative to Wrecks, are in Force within this
‘ Province; I therefore recommend it to you, to extend hither such Provi-
‘ sions in the said Acts, as may be necessary to secure the Owners the
‘ Property of those Vessels and Cargoes, which may unhappily be wrecked
‘ on our Coasts.

W. F R A N K L I N.

The House taking the same into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in His Excellency's Message.

Mr.

for Cloathing the Soldiers in the Year 1764.

per Contra

Cr.

1764, March 31. By Cash received of Stephen Skinner, Esq;	-	-	-	£. 555:00:00
May 7. By Ditto Ditto	-	-	-	300:00:00
August 15. By Account of Sales of fundry Remnants,	-	-	-	18:19:08
				<u>£. 873:19:08</u>

per Contra

Cr.

1761. May 18. By Cash received from Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer,	-	-	-	£. 1260:00:00
26. By Ditto	-	-	-	801:15:00
October 14. By Ditto	-	-	-	50:05:00
April 12. By Ditto received from Ditto at fundry Times,	-	-	-	2597:18:00
Ballance due from the Province to James Neilson, Esq;	-	-	-	14:06:10
				<u>£. 4723:17:10</u>

Mr. J. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted Yesterday, to Mr. Stevens, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Leaming reported that Mr. Wetherill and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Mr. Runyon reported, that Mr. Clement and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to Lord Stirling, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Fisher from the Committee, to whom was referred the Account of Stephen Crane, Esq; reported the same as follows.

The Province of New-Jersey, on the Frontiers, to Stephen Crane, Esq;
Dr. per Contra Cr.

1758 and 1759. By Muster-Rolls and Vouchers examined and allowed,	£. 3788:10:11	1758 and 1759. By Cash at fundry Times of Andrew Johnston, Esq;	£. 1522:12:00
To Ballance due to the Province,	334:01:01	1758 and 1759. By Cash at fundry Times of Samuel Smith, Esq;	2600:00:00
	<u>£. 4122:12:00</u>		<u>£. 4122:12:00</u>

Mr. Crane charges £. 135:18:9 for Damages sustained in Loss of Provisions on the Frontiers, on Account of the Soldiers being disbanded before the Time appointed by Law, which the Committee refers to the House, and if allowed by the House in that Case, to be deducted from the aforesaid Ballance of £. 334:1:1.

June the 26th, 1766.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN OGDEN,
THEUNIS DEY.

Mr.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* from the Committee, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great-Britain, passed in the 12th Year of Her late Majesty Queen Ann, and the 4th Year of His late Majesty King George the First, for preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on shore or stranded*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Dr.		Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of	
1766. June 21.	To the old Deficiencies outstanding in <i>Middlesex</i> , as per Report in 1760,	£. 18:18:05 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	To another Arrearage in <i>Middlesex</i> , as per Ditto,	25:00:00	£. 43:18:05 $\frac{1}{4}$
	To Arrears in the Interest, as per the same Report, viz.		
	<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 21:04:09 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	<i>Essex,</i>	72:06:05 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	<i>Middlesex,</i>	38:12:07 $\frac{1}{4}$	£. 132:03:10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	To a Deficiency in <i>Somerset</i> , as per Ditto,	- - - -	1:05:00
			£. 177:07:03 $\frac{1}{4}$

Loan Office

1766. June 21.	To £. 1:12:03 $\frac{1}{4}$ which the Loan Officers of <i>Monmouth</i> have cancelled more than their Quota, and ought to be repaid them by the Treasurer out of the £. 42:16:00 that yet remains to be sunk in <i>Essex</i> ; See the Report, December 12, 1761, page 50,	£. 01:12:03 $\frac{1}{4}$
	To Part of the £. 109:03:06 that <i>Essex</i> was deficient on the £. 40,000, and £. 20,000, Principal Money, as per Report June 1754, and December 1761,	42:16:00
		£. 44:08:03 $\frac{1}{4}$

Dr.		Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Support of	
1762.	To the Ballance of the late Treasurer <i>Johnston's</i> Accounts, reported by the Committee May the 27th, 1763, including the £. 9236:17:10, the Ballance that was reported on the Parliamentary Donations,	£. 33602:19:11 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	To Cash received of <i>John Longstreet</i> , for the Deficiency in the County of <i>Monmouth</i> , when the Accounts of Mr. <i>Johnston's</i> were settled,	250:09:09	
	To Cash received of <i>Azariah Dunham</i> , for a Deficiency in <i>Middlesex</i> ,	344:14:06	
1764.	To Ballance received of <i>John Blanchard</i> , as per Report February 22, 1764,	38:19:02	
1765.	March 19. To Cash received of <i>John Stevens</i> , Esq; on the Account of Subsistence of the Troops 1761, 1762, York Currency, £. 1000:16:08, deduct $\frac{1}{3}$ remains	923:16:11	
August 12.	To new Money received of <i>John Johnston</i> , Esq; one of the Signers of the £. 10,000 Emission, May 25, 1763,	£. 5000:00:00	
	To Ditto of Ditto, one Half of the £. 25,000 Emission February 14, 1764,	12,500:00:00	£. 17,500:00:00
	Ballance in Favour of the Treasurer, to be allowed him in the Accounts of the Parliamentary Donation, when the same is settled,	8575:18:00 $\frac{1}{4}$	
			£. 61,236:18:04

Friday, June 27, 1766.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect and settle the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, reported the same, as follows: To which the House agreed.

New-Jersey,

Cr

1766. June 21. By several old Deficiencies mentioned on the Debtor Side, which are fully explained in the Report of November 1760. amounting to £. 177:07:03½.

Principal.

1766. June 21. By the Overplus sunk in <i>Monmouth</i> , mentioned on the Dr. Side of this Account,	l. 01:12:03½
By Deficiencies in <i>Essex</i> , mentioned on the Dr. Side and reported in December 12, 1761, page 51,	42:16:00
	£. 44:08:03½

June 25, 1766.

Errors Excepted,

JOHN STEVENS.
AARON LEAMING.

Division of New-Jersey,
Government.

per Contra

Cr.

1766. June 21. By sundry Vouchers allowed and indorsed by the Committees, from September 9, 1762, to May 26, 1766, discharged out of the War Fund, amounting to £. 3287:06:00

For recruiting the Regulars.

By sundry Receipts from July 6, 1762, to December 23, 1762, allowed and endorsed by the Committees, and discharged out of the War Funds, amounting to 90:00:00

On the War Fund.

By sundry Vouchers from June 23, 1762, to May 31, 1766, allowed and endorsed by the Committees, amounting to 14,931:11:10

By the Sum of l. 33,691:2:8, which has been cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex*, being the Amount of all the Eastern Counties, on the Sinking Funds, for 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765 and 1766, which was burned by these Committees. 33,691:02:08

By the Parliamentary Donation for l. 9236:17:10, which altho' *Stephen Skinner* received the same from the Executors of *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; deceased: yet he takes Credit for that Sum in this Account, and charges himself for so much in said Parliamentary Account, hereafter to be settled. 9,236:17:10

£. 61,236:18:04

Errors Excepted, by

SAMUEL WOODRUFF.
AARON LEAMING.

The Committees also examined the several Certificates of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex*, for the Monies cancelled by them for the Years 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765 and 1766, amounting in the whole to Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Two Shillings and Four Pence; which Sum the Committees burned the 25th of June, 1766.

June 26, 1766. The Committees also burned the Bills that Mr. *Skinner* received of the Executors of Mr. *Newill*, according to the Order of both Houses of this Day, amounting to the Sum of £. 996:5:0.

JOHN STEVENS.
AARON LEAMING.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Parker, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act for laying out a Road from Newark, &c.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol for the County of Middlesex*, have passed the Council, without Amendment.

The

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to John Smyth, Esq; one of the Commissioners for*

To Cash paid for the Lot,	£. 75:00:00
To the Amount of sundry Disbursements, for Materials and Work at the Office, per Vouchers.	430:10:06½
To the Amount of sundry Disbursements for Materials and Work for the Office Fence, paid by John Terril.	26:05:03
To Commissions on £. 555:10:06½ expended by John Smyth, at 5 per Cent.	27:15:06¼
	£. 609:11:03½

Resolved,

That this House will provide for the Payment of the said Ballance, at the next Sessions.

The

Dr. *Col. Peter Schuyler, Pay-Master of the New-Jersey Regiment,*

1755. To Sundries, as per Account, No. 3.	£. 11:01:01½
1756. To Ditto as per Ditto, No. 1.	7226:09:04½
To a Mistake in casting the Accounts, No. 4.	5:10:00
1758. To Sundries per new Account,	34:08:07
1758. To Cash of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer, as per Act of Assembly,	6000:00:00

N. B. In the two Articles No. 1 and 4 on the Creditor Side of this Account, there is included an Article of £. 1333:09:01½ which Col. Schuyler charged against the Province for his Expences while in Canada, the Particulars whereof were not specified, that Article not being provided for by Law, the Committee submitted it to the House; and as no Proof was produced to shew that that Sum had been expended for the Service of the Colony; the House delayed the Determination thereof till June 24, 1766, at which Time, on the Vote, the House allowed only £. 200 of it, and struck off the rest; on that Account the Colony must be credited with the Residue, being

1133:09:00½

To a Ballance due to the Colony on a former Settlement, as per Report, March 6, 1762.

258:08:11

£. 14,669:07:00½

Ordered,

That upon Payment of the Ballance as above reported, by the Executors or Representatives of the said Col. Schuyler, to Samuel Smith, Esq; the Western Treasurer of this Colony, that the said Samuel Smith, Esq; do deliver up to them, or either of them, the Bond given to the said Samuel Smith by the said Col. Schuyler, for Six Thousand Pounds, by Virtue and in Pursuance of the Law of this Colony passed in 1758.

Mr.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great-Britain*, &c. was read the second Time, on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Johnson*, from the Committee on public Accounts, reported the Account of *John Smyth*, Esq; for building the Secretary's Office, as follows.

<i>Building the Secretary's Office, at Perth-Amboy,</i>		<i>per Contra</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1761. October 8.	By Cash received of <i>Andrew Johnson</i> , Esq;	- - -	£. 300:00:00
1762, December 2.	By Cash of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq;	- - -	100:00:00
December 23.	By sundry Materials sold,	- - -	2:16:04
	By Cash of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , for the Lot,	- - -	75:00:00
Ballance due to <i>John Smyth</i> ,		- - -	£. 477:16:04
			138:14:11½
			£. 609:11:03½

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on public Accounts, have examined the above Account and Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated; but as Mr. *Smyth* has expended more Money than allowed by Act of Assembly, the Committee submit it to the House.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN HART.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, deceased, reported the same, as follows. To which the House agreed.

<i>in 1755, 1756, &c.</i>		<i>per Contra</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1755. } and } 1756. } 1758. }	By Sundries as per Account, No. 1.	- - -	£. 6799:03:9
	By Ditto, as per Ditto, No. 4.	- - -	5406:02:9
	By Ditto, as per new Account,	- - -	967:06:3½
	Ballance due to the Colony,	- - -	1496:14:13
			<hr/> £. 14,669:07:0½

Mr. *Borden*, from the Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Message to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of *Thursday* last, delivered a Draught, which was read; and being amended in the House,

Ordered.

That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House of Assembly, that the Council have made several Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.* and he delivered the said Bill and Amendments in at the Table; which being read in their Places, the House disagreed to all the Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

Ordered thereupon,

That Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Keasbey* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them, that this House disagrees to all the Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Miller* reported, that Mr. *Keasbey* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Parker*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council,

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great-Britain, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Stilwell*, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that they do adhere to the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Keasbey*, and Mr. *Stilwell*, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Subject Matter of the said Bill; and that Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *R. Lawrence* do wait upon the Council, and desire a free Concurrence thereupon, and that they will appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House, and appoint the Time and Place of said free Conference.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Stillwell* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *R. Lawrence* and himself, delivered the Message to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Bill entitled, *An Act to lay out a Road on the Southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek, &c.* Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit, of the neighbouring Governments, &c.* Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks in this Colony, &c. and for defraying other incidental Charges:* Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same,* have passed the Council without Amendment. And that Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Parker*, are appointed a Committee of the Council, to confer with a Committee of this House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.*

The engrossed Message to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 25th, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

Ordered,

‘ Ordered;

‘ THAT Mr. Ogden and Mr. Anderson, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, in Answer to his Message of the 25th, That this House sincerely wish with him, that every *Irregularity* in the Colony was forgot; and if his Excellency had shewn any Disposition to forget, he would have found that this House had no Inclination to enter into Controversy. The closing the last Sitting at *Burlington*, in the Manner he thought proper to do it, occasioned the Message this Session from the House; and his Excellency’s extraordinary Reply, compels an Answer; not that it contains any Arguments that carry the least Proof of *Irregularity* in this House, but that it is replete with Arguments foreign to the Matter; a Detail of Reports that have no Foundation, and carries a Charge against this House of “*unfair Representation*.”

‘ The “*Succinct Detail of the Matter in Dispute between us*,” as his Excellency is pleased to give it, this House begs Leave to inform his Excellency has been untruly represented to him; for this House will not presume to say, that his Excellency speaks from any Thing but Information.

‘ This House acknowledges the Letter from the *Massachusetts-Bay*; that it was on the last Day of the Session, some Members gone, others uneasy to be at their Homes; and do assert that the then Speaker agreed to send, nay urged, that Members should be sent to the intended Congress, but changed his Opinion upon some Advice that was given him; that this sudden Change of his Opinion, displeased many of the House, who seeing the Matter drop’t, were indifferent about it; and as no Minute was made, and no further Notice taken of it, the House is at a Loss to determine, whence his Excellency could get the Information that the House took the same into “*deliberate Consideration*,” determined (as his Excellency says from their own Words) “*unanimously against meddling on that Occasion*”; they have recollected the whole Transaction, carefully examined their Minutes, and can find nothing like it inserted therein; an Answer to the *Massachusetts*’s Letter was written; and if the Expressions his Excellency mentions, were made use of in it, this House is at a Loss to know how they are accountable for it, when it does not appear to be an Act of the House, but Reflection upon this Passage, convinces the House, that his Excellency has more Knowledge of the Contents of the Letter in Answer, than the Members of the House themselves. Before his Excellency gave a Detail of the Matter, and indulg’d himself in the fanciful Representation of the Meeting at *Sproull*’s, he should have known, that the Speaker had altered the Letter he had taken the Liberty to write; that finding his Conduct censured by his Constituents, he was willing to repair it, even at his Excellency’s Expence. That the Letter was so written, as well as that he again altered it, without the Knowledge of the House, are Facts his Excellency should have known, before he charged the Members with setting aside an “*unanimous Resolution*,” never made after “*deliberate Consideration*,” never entered into: For his Excellency’s Satisfaction, they will admit, that the late Speaker wrote to, and convened a Majority of the House; but also assert, by far the greatest Part of them came to the Meeting, persuaded that his Excellency had declined calling the House; that those met, although then a Majority of the House, did not meet in any Legislative Capacity, their Business was to prevent Disorder, and to preserve the Peace of the Government, upon this Business they proceeded; and we suppose the Speaker took a Chair, and one of them took the Pen, and the rest, as it was in a Tavern, sat down also; which has given his Excellency an Opportunity to swell his Message, and shew to the World the Order and Regularity of the Members of this House. This House will acknowledge, that thus seated, they determined, for the Peace, Quiet, and good Order of this Government, to set aside a Resolution of the Speaker’s, broken by himself upon “*deliberate Consideration*,” and in *direct Opposition*” to his first concerted Measures, sent him, and two others to *New-York*, to join in a Petition to his Majesty; and in doing this, they conceived they did an essential Service to the Colony. The Conduct of two of these Members was approved of by the House at their Meeting at *Burlington*; this Approbation of their Conduct his Excellency censures severely, and shews surprize that the House

' should not only approve of their Conduct, but of the Appointment of the Committee,
 ' and Charges it as "unprecedented, irregular, &c." This House deny they were
 ' so, and have stated the Facts as they truly were, and have not the least Doubt, but
 ' that their Conduct in this Matter will be justified by the *cool* and *dispassionate*. But
 ' suppose the Meeting irregular; why such Warmth on the Occasion? It has not,
 ' nor could it be injurious to his Excellency, and he acknowledges they did not
 ' intend any Injury: But if every Step taken by Men in publick Character, was to
 ' be minutely examined, remembred, and warmly resented, we apprehend few
 ' would escape Censure, however exalted their Station may be.---What may have
 ' passed between his Excellency and two Members of this House, they have little
 ' Concern about; but this they cannot help saying, that the Manner in which his
 ' Excellency introduced it to this House, ought to make them, whoever they be,
 ' cautious in what they shall hereafter say to his Excellency on Matters relative to
 ' the House. This House justifies their Conduct, in not mentioning what passed
 ' between his Excellency and them to this House; it was highly improper for them
 ' to report what his Excellency intended, as his Excellency might from different
 ' Circumstances change his Opinion, and the House could not without *Irregularity*
 ' take Notice of any Thing sent through such a Channel. His Excellency closes this
 ' Part of his Message, with a Declaration of *some Pause* after his Speech, by which
 ' he intended, that if the House desired it, they might have had an Opportunity to
 ' Answer.---Of what Duration a Pause is sufficient with his Excellency to make a
 ' Reply, this House cannot take upon them to say; but that made by his Excel-
 ' lency, they well remember, was not longer between the Ending his Speech and the
 ' Prorogation, than a moderate Speaker would make between the Ending of one and
 ' Beginning of another Sentence; a Time, not sufficient for this House in their
 ' publick Capacity to answer in. As this House is constituted of Members unac-
 ' quainted and unskilled in the Arts of Controversy, and having no Talents of that
 ' Kind to display, so they will refer his Excellency to their Message, to settle the
 ' Insinuation he calls out so loudly upon; and dare say, his Excellency will find,
 ' upon calm Inspection, that they insinuated nothing against him, nor made any
 ' Vaunt of their own Abilities; but are well assured from his Excellency's long
 ' Message, that his Excellency is not an Enemy to Disputation, and possessed of not
 ' a little Desire to shew his Abilities in Controversy; and as they have little Doubt
 ' of his Resolution, so they have never called it in Question.

' The House begs Leave to inform his Excellency, that they are sorry to find him,
 ' after some Months serious Reflection, still of the same Opinion; but his Declaration
 ' is not conclusive to this House, which still hopes, that notwithstanding his Excel-
 ' lency has not hitherto, yet as it is their Wish, so they hope, that a few Months
 ' more will bring his Excellency to different Sentiments.

' This House knows of no Reports to his Excellency's Prejudice in this Province;
 ' if any have been repeated in it, they came from the neighbouring Governments;
 ' nothing was said relative to him here, until the late Speaker's Conduct occasioned
 ' it; and this his Excellency knows was of no long Duration: The Warmth of his
 ' Excellency's Expression against the Officers of the neighbouring Government,
 ' shewed his Fears were from that Quarter; he charged no Body in this Govern-
 ' ment, nay declared them innocent; this House could not but thence conclude,
 ' that the Reports from that Government had raised his Warmth, and their Regard
 ' for his Excellency, will ever lead this House to wish an Indifference in him, to the
 ' Politicks of any Government, but that over which he presides.

' Whether a Meeting of the Representatives of the Colony could have been ob-
 ' tained or not, or whether any Application had been made to his Excellency for
 ' that Purpose, we cannot say; but from his Excellency's Declaration since, although
 ' every Thing then carried that Appearance, and the Measures the Members took,
 ' seemed to be the only alternative for the Restoration of, and conducive to the publick
 ' Peace; nor ought his Excellency to charge this House with "unkindly leaving
 ' the World to conclude that he had refused to call the Assembly;" they could judge
 from

‘ from nothing but Appearances, these were against his Excellency; and as he knew
 ‘ the Man that occasioned them, his Censures would have been more properly
 ‘ bestowed on him; or as he knew of the Meeting, his Excellency could have pre-
 ‘ vented it by calling the Legislature together, for which Purpose there was a greater
 ‘ Proportion of Time, than for his Excellency to expect an Answer between his
 ‘ former Speech and Prorogation; especially as he acknowledges, “the Temper of
 ‘ the People at the Time required it.” But this it seems he would not do without a
 ‘ Request from the Speaker and Nine Members; a Mode of calling the House they
 ‘ never before heard of, and believe upon Examination, it will be found, as unknown
 ‘ to the Constitution, and as irregular, as the Meeting of the Members at *Sproull’s*.

‘ His Excellency’s whole Message is really surprizing; he believes the Members
 ‘ who met did not intend him any “*Prejudice*,” and yet a warm Speech and long
 ‘ Message are full of Charges against them and this House, and Things said and
 ‘ done in another Government laid at their Door. This House with his Excellency
 ‘ had been less warm on the Occasion; and given it further Consideration; such Con-
 ‘ tradictions would not perhaps have fallen from his Pen, and his Excellency would
 ‘ not have been necessitated to hint to this House, to gratify his Excellency by some
 ‘ small *Acknowledgment*,” that their Conduct was owing to “*Accident*” or “*Inad-
 ‘ vertence*,” or to the “*Confusion of the Times*,” and thereby tamely submitting
 ‘ to his Excellency’s Censure.

‘ His Excellency’s Complaints are, the House perceives, not so much at the Facts
 ‘ themselves, as at the Words in the Minutes of the House; he is angry at the
 ‘ “*Members*” meeting to “*confer*,” and the styling them a *Committee*, and “*Deputies*
 ‘ “from this *Colony*,” and then asks a Question, which at the same Time that it shews
 ‘ his Excellency’s Disposition to Controversy, gives his Excellency an Opportunity
 ‘ to display his Abilities; a principal Aim in his Message. His Excellency may sup-
 ‘ pose Improbabilities as long as he pleases, and combat the Phantom he has raised
 ‘ as long as he thinks proper; may draw Suppositions from *China* to support his
 ‘ Arguments, or any where else, it will give this House little Uneasiness; their
 ‘ Conduct, however plain it has been, can never induce his Excellency to believe or
 ‘ say otherwise of them, than that they have ever shewn a Disposition to maintain
 ‘ Order and Regularity in all their Proceedings, and to preserve the publick Tran-
 ‘ quility: And upon the Whole, it gives them real Concern, to find that when they
 ‘ are most desirous there should be a good Understanding between them and their
 ‘ Governor, his Excellency is desirous to cavil at Words, and shew a Disposition to
 ‘ draw them into Disputation.

‘ The Lesson his Excellency gives this House in the Close of his Message, they
 ‘ seriously recommend to his Excellency; and in order that he may obtain that
 ‘ Honour, beg that his Excellency will be well informed before he charges, divest
 ‘ himself of all passionate Expressions, and not call Matters in themselves innocent
 ‘ and designed for the publick Good, by the hard Names of “*illegal, irregular,*
 ‘ “and *unconstitutional*,” &c.

Mr. Ogden reported, that Mr. *Anderson* and himself delivered the Message to them
 entrusted, to his Excellency.

The House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning, Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, June 28, 1766.

The House met.

Mr. *Miller* reported, that the Committees of the Council and House, had met
 in a free Conference, on the subject Matter of their Amendments to the Bill, entitled,
An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.
 That the Committee of the Council had receded from their Amendments, and the
 Committee had agreed upon others; which were reported. *Ordered,*

Ordered,

That they be inserted in the said Bill, in their proper Places, and the Bill re-engrossed.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.* being read,

Resolved,

That the same, as now amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great-Britain, &c.* has passed the Council without Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Anderson*, do wait upon the Council, and desire to be informed, whether they have any Business before them; and if they have not, inform them, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Anderson* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who say, they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Dey*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House have gone through all the Business before them, and are desirous of being dismissed.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in a few Minutes.

The House being informed, that divers Persons indicted in this Colony for counterfeiting the Bills of Credit thereof, are, or probably will be confined in the Gaols of some of the neighbouring Colonies; and there being no Law to provide for the Expence of removing them into this Colony for their Trial;

Resolved,

That this House will provide by Law, at the next Sessions of General Assembly, for all reasonable Expences, that shall appear to this House to be justly due for the Removal of such Persons.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do appoint *James Parker* to print the Minutes and Votes of this House, being first examined and signed by the Speaker.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, which was read in the Words following.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ **T**HE Message I received from you last Evening, is, in its Matter and
 ‘ Manner so very extraordinary, that I could not have thought it
 ‘ possible to have been the Production of your House, had it not been
 ‘ delivered to me as such, by two of your Members: It but slightly
 ‘ touches upon any Thing I either said or thought, but attributes Words
 ‘ and Sentiments to my Message, entirely different to what it contains,
 ‘ and asserts sundry Things as Facts, for which there is not the least Foun-
 ‘ dation. This, Gentlemen, is to be sure a heavy Charge, and it becomes
 ‘ me

‘ me to make it good; I am ready to undertake it, as soon as I can dispatch the Bills I have now under my Consideration. But, as I am just informed, that you are anxious to rise this Day, and as I would not carry my Resentment of your ill Treatment of me (for doing what I could not avoid, consistent with my Duty to the Crown and People, or with Safety to myself) such a Length, as to detain you here against your Inclination, at this inconvenient Season, I leave it to your Choice; whether or not I shall continue the Session, till I can communicate to you, what I have to offer on the Occasion, and hear what you have to say, in Justification of such uncommon Behaviour.’

Perth-Amboy, June 28, 1766.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Johnston, do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, That this House having gone through all the Business before them, are very desirous that his Excellency would dismiss them: That as to the Messages that have passed between his Excellency and this House, this House have no Inclination to enter further into them.’

Mr. John Lawrence reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House in a few Minutes.

‘ A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, informing the House, ‘ That his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the ‘ House immediately.’

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.*

3. *An Act for building a Court House and Gaol for the County of Middlesex.*

4. *An Act empowering the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington, to purchase a Lot of Ground, to build a New Gaol and other necessary Buildings thereon.*

5. *An Act for the more effectually preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments, or uttering the same in this Colony, knowing them to be so Counterfeit.*

6. *An Act explaining the Right of voting at Town Meetings, and the Election of Township Officers.*

7. *An Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.*

8. *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in this Colony with Furniture, and other Necessaries for accommodating the King's Troops in, or marching through this Colony, and for defraying other incidental Charges.*

9. *An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen-Point, along up Newark-Bay, and from thence to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River.*

10. *A Supplementary Act, to an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen, and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack.*

11. *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of the Counties of Essex and Bergen, to build a Bridge over Passaic River, near the Dutch Church at Acquackanonck.*

12. *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same.*

13. *An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great-Britain, passed in the Twelfth Year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, and the Fourth Year of his late Majesty King George the First, for the preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on Shore or stranded.*

14. *An Act to prohibit the setting Nets, Seins, and other Devices, in the River Raritan and South-River, to obstruct the Fish going up in the proper Seasons of the Year, and to preserve the Fry and young Brood of Fish from being destroyed in said Rivers.*

15. *An Act to lay out a Road on the Southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek, from the Town of Greenwich to the said Road.*

16. *An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-west Branch of Ancocas Creek.*

17. *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, at Abraham Roe's Landing.*

18. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Body of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Banks and other Water Works, around the same, and to constitute all Ten Foot Ditches therein lawful Fences.*

19. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a small Branch of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Dams, Banks, and other Water Works on the said Meadow, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and clear.*

20. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on the South Branch of Stow Creek, to maintain the Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same.*

21. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes bounding on Delaware River, between Long Point and Kilko's Hook, in Lower Penn's Neck, in the County of Salem, to stop out the Tide from overflowing the same.*

22. *An Act to naturalize Jacob Hertel and John Jacob Faith.*

His Excellency then prorogued the General Assembly, to the 30th Day of July next, then to meet at Burlington.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House of Assembly, I do appoint *James Parker* to print these Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,
Speaker.

V O T E S
AND
P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
General Assembly
OF THE
Province of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at
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*Votes of the General Assembly.**BURLINGTON, Tuesday, June 9. 1767.*

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 10, 1767.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him; that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may please to lay before them.

Mr. *Fisher* acquainted the House, that *John Hogbland*, Esq; late one of the Members for *Somerset*, is deceased since last Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for electing a Representative for the County of *Somerset*, in the Stead of Mr. *Hogbland*.

Thomas Rodman, Esq; being returned a Representative to serve in the General Assembly, for the City of *Burlington*, in the Stead of *Samuel Smith*, Esq; now one of His Majesty's Council, and attending, was admitted into the House, and duly qualified before the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; and *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; thereto authorized by *Dedimus Potestatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rodman* do take his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself waited upon the Governor; according to Order, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in about an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows, viz.

“Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

“**H**AVING Nothing in Command from the Crown, which required your
 “immediate Attention, I deferred meeting you till this Time, in Hopes of
 “having it in my Power to acquaint you with the Resolutions of Parliament,
 “respecting a Paper Currency in *America*; a Matter I have Reason to believe
 “you have much at Heart, and of which it would therefore have afforded me great
 “Pleasure, to have been enabled to give you some satisfactory Intelligence: When
 “the last Advices left *England*, it was under Consideration, and probably before you
 “rise we may learn the Event.

“Agreeable

“ Agreeable to your Requests at the last Sessions, I transmitted to the Secretary of State, your respective Addresses to His Majesty, and have now the Happiness of communicating to you a Letter I have since received from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Shelburne*, signifying His Majesty’s most gracious Reception of those Addresses, and Approbation of the Behaviour of this Colony, during the late Disturbances in *America*:---To have our Conduct so highly approved by the Best of Sovereigns, cannot fail of animating us in our future Endeavours to merit the Royal Favour.

“ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

“ The Provision made at the last Sessions, for supplying such of the King’s Troops as might come within this Colony, with Necessaries, has proved considerably deficient; I must therefore recommend it to you, to discharge the Sums which have been advanced by the Treasurers and Barrack-Masters, on this Account; and to make Provision for the further Support of those Troops, in the Manner His Majesty expects. You will probably think it necessary, for the Future, to place a greater Confidence on these Occasions, in the proper Officers of Government (who have always manifested their Frugality and Economy, with Regard to the Publick) and not put them under the disagreeable Necessity of advancing Money at the Risque of their private Fortunes, or of applying for a Meeting of the Assembly on every new or unforeseen Application from the General.

“ I must likewise recommend it to you, Gentlemen, to reward the Persons who were most active in apprehending the Villains lately executed for the Murder of the *Oneida* Indian, in *Suffex*, and the two *Delaware* Squaws in the County of *Burlington*. You will find by a Letter from Sir *William Johnson*, which I shall order to be laid before you, that these Instances of the Justice of our Province, are likely to be productive of the most beneficial Effects to the *British* Interest, with the several Indian Nations on the Frontiers of this and the neighbouring Provinces.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

“ Though the Season of the Year is somewhat advanced beyond the usual Time of your doing Business; yet I doubt not but a Continuance of that Harmony which has subsisted among us, will enable you to dispatch, without Inconvenience to yourselves, all Matters of Importance, which may come under your Consideration at this Meeting.

“ *Council-Chamber,* }
“ *June 10, 1767.* }

W. FRANKLIN.”

And the Papers therein mentioned, were also read; and together with the Speech, were ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn’d till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Three Petitions were presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Monmouth*, *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, setting forth the distressed Circumstances of this Province, for Want of a sufficient Quantity of Paper Currency; and praying such Redress as the House in their Wisdom shall think meet; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers Inhabitants of *Middlesex*, and read, setting forth, That the publick Roads or Cartways are found by Experience to be too narrow; and praying that a Law may be passed for the better regulating Carts and Carriages, and that the Width of all such Carriages may be Five Feet from the Middle of one Felly to the Middle of the other; which the Petitioners conceive will render travelling much more easy and convenient.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth the Difficulties that attend the present Mode of repairing the publick Highways, by the Labour of the Inhabitants; and praying a Law for repairing the Highways of that Township by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

And

And a Petition was also presented, from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Deptford*, in the same County, for the like Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the chosen Freeholders, and divers other Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that the Petitioners have understood that a Petition was presented to the House last Session, praying a Law for the Payment of Coroners for holding their Inquests; which, if granted, the present Petitioners suppose will increase the Weight of Taxes; and suggesting other Reasons, why the Prayer of that Petition ought not to be granted; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Essex*, setting forth, that the Petitioners being the major Part of the Owners and Occupants of that Tract or Parcel of Salt Meadow, lying on the West Side of *Newark Bay*, commonly called the *Elizabeth-Town* Great-Meadows, conceive themselves to be greatly endamaged in their respective Properties and Rights, from the Practice of turning in upon the said Meadows, and running and feeding at large, of Horses, Neat Cattle, and other Creatures; and pray, that an Act may be passed effectually to prevent the turning on, and running and feeding at large, of Horses, Neat Cattle, and other Creatures upon the said *Elizabeth-Town* Great-Meadows, under such Penalties for Trespasses, as to the House in their Wisdom shall seem good; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, be a Committee to enquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring; and of what Matters are referred to this Session of Assembly, and make Report to the House.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 11, 1767.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, signed by many of the Inhabitants of *Somerset*, *Hunterdon*, *Middlesex*, and others, setting forth the calamitous Condition of the Province, for Want of sufficient circulating Cash; and praying that a Sum of Money, in Bills of Credit, may be struck, to be let on Land Security, as has heretofore been done; and if His Majesty's Assent cannot be had thereto, to make it a lawful Tender; then the Petitioners humbly pray, that the Bills of Credit may be only a Currency on the Credit of the Province, and to be let on Land Security; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the following Report of what Matters are referred to this Session, and of what Laws are expired, or are near expiring, viz.

Matters referred at the last Session of Assembly, in June, 1766, for the Consideration of the present Session.

1. A Petition from *Isaac Bunting*, concerning *Affisconk Creek*.
2. A Petition from the County of *Gloucester*, praying an Act to allow the Coroners of the several Counties Compensation for executing that Office.
3. A Petition from *John Dorsey*, concerning the Utility of an Air-Furnance, for running down Iron Ore.
4. A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Monmouth County*, praying an Alteration in the Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.
5. A Petition against fixing the Lines of *Middlesex* and *Somerset* Counties, praying the *Middlesex* Commissioners might be first heard, &c.
6. A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, complaining of an unequal Taxation.
7. A Petition from *James Brooks*, Esq; praying Relief in sundry Actions of Escape brought against him.

Laws expired, or near expiring.

1. Support of Government, expired.
2. The Six Pound Law will expire the next Session of Assembly after the 28th of November, 1767.
3. The Militia Law will expire the 1st Day of July, 1768.

A Petition was presented to the House, signed by 55 of the Inhabitants of *Morris* and *Essex*, setting forth, that the Rates taken by the Owners and Possessors of the Ferries over the Rivers *Passaic* and *Hackinsack*, are, in the Opinion of the Petitioners, extravagant, a great Imposition upon the Publick, and universally complained of by Travellers; therefore the Petitioners humbly pray, that the Rates of Ferriages over the said Rivers, may be taken into Consideration, and settled, as the House in their Wisdom shall think fit; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency's Speech, together with all the Papers sent therewith, were read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech, and had come to sundry Resolutions; which he was ready to report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

2. *Resolved,*

That all such Sums as have been advanced in providing Necessaries for the Troops in the Barracks at *Amboy* and *Elizabeth-Town*, be reimbursed; and that Provision be made by Law, for defraying the necessary Expence of the Troops quartered in this Colony. To which the House agreed.

3. *Resolved,*

That proper Compensation be made to the Persons who apprehended the Murderers of the two Indian Squaws, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech. To which the House agreed.

4. *Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that his Excellency having issued his Proclamation on the Murderer of the *Oneida* Indian, and therein offered a Reward, that his Excellency is fully impowered by Law to draw Money for that Purpose from the Treasury. To which the House agreed.

5. *Resolved,*

That His Majesty's Government of this Colony be honourably supported for one Year, from the 21st of May last. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the defraying incidental Charges.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Lawrence*, Mr. *Doughty*, Mr. *Keasby* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Anderson*, be a Committee, to settle and adjust all such publick Accounts as may come before the House this Session.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The

The House met.

The Petition from the chosen Freeholders, and others, of the County of *Gloucester*, against allowing Coroners any Fees for holding their Inquests; was read the second Time.

And the Petition presented last Session, from the Judges, Justices of the Peace, Sheriff, Grand-Jury, and principal Freeholders of *Gloucester*, for allowing the said Fees, was also read; and on the Question, Whether the said Petition for allowing the Fees, do lie on the Table, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several of the Proprietors of the patented Land, called *Seacaucus*, in the Township of *Bergen*, in the County of *Bergen*, setting forth, that the Commissioners appointed by the Act for finally settling the several Rights to the Common Lands of *Bergen*, did meet, and locate for the said Patent of *Seacaucus*, a certain Part of the said Common Lands; and altho' they made Sub-Divisions of many of the other Tracts, yet they omitted to make any Partitions or Sub-Divisions of the Common Lands so laid out for *Seacaucus*; and praying a Law to appoint other Commissioners for finally settling the several Rights and Claims to the said Common Lands of *Seacaucus*; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, and other Inhabitants of *Bergen*, complaining of Hardships he suffers by a Road lately laid out from the South-Westernmost Point of *Bergen*, along up *Newark Bay*, to *Paulus-Hock*; and praying a Law to alter some Part of that Road; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a very large Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, setting forth the Disadvantages the Petitioners and others are under, from the Want of Fairs there; and praying a Repeal of the late Act for suppressing their Fairs, under such Regulations as the House shall judge proper; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Ephraim Philips*, of *Burlington*, setting forth, that the Petitioner was at a great Expence in fetching into this Province, and subsisting one *Joseph Byllings*, who was committed by the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; on Suspicion of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the Province; and that the Petitioner exhibited his Account to the Board of Justices and Freeholders of *Burlington* County, who refused to pay it: And further, that the Petitioner has been put to a considerable Expence, in removing the two *Lathams*, and *Rosecrants*, from *Burlington* to *Amboy*, for their Trial, on Suspicion of the Crime aforesaid; which Expence the said Board also refused to pay; and praying Relief in the Premises.

And an Account was exhibited to the House, from *John Carty*, of *Burlington*, of his Expences in conveying *Rosecrants*, and the two *Lathams*, from *Maryland* to the City of *Burlington*, in this Province; both which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Publick Accounts.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from several Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, presented last Session, praying an Alteration in the Act, entitled, *An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; which Petition was read; and on the Question, Whether the Consideration of the same be referred till next Session, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred till next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *John Lawrence*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in at the next Session, the Draught of an Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in at the next Session, the Draught of an Act for the Relief of the Poor.

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The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Woodbridge*, presented last Session, complaining of an unequal Taxation throughout this Province; which was read; and on the Question, referred to next Session.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Doughty* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to lay a Duty upon the Importation of Negro and Mulatto Slaves into this Province.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That the Address of this House, of the 19th of *June* last, to His Majesty, and the Letter of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Shelburne*, to his Excellency the Governor, relating to it, be inserted in the Minutes of this House; and the same are as follows, viz.

TO the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

“ WE Your Majesty's Most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly met, humbly beg Leave to approach Your Royal Person, and with the most unfeigned Gratitude, to thank Your Majesty, for Your great Condescension and Goodness, in giving Your Assent to the Repeal of the Act granting certain Stamp Duties in *America*.

“ It is has been invariably the Principle of Your Royal House, to govern your People according to the Constitution, and their Glory to rule over a Nation of Freemen.

“ Your faithful *Americans* have ever been free, and with the most unbounded Loyalty and Affection to Your Majesty; and Respect and Veneration for the Parliament of their Mother Country, they were most sensibly affected, when they saw a Law passed, that endangered both their Liberty and Property. Their Struggles on this Occasion (until their Case could be laid before Your Majesty and the Parliament) however they may appear or are represented, were not those of Rebellion or Disaffection, but those of Freemen, attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

“ It is with the greatest Satisfaction, that we see Your Majesty, Your present worthy Ministry, and Your Parliament, penetrating the true Cause of our Uneasiness, and relieving us from the Burthen of an impolitic Law. The Wisdom and Justice of this Measure, will henceforth, we doubt not, induce Your *American* Subjects to place the greatest Confidence in Your Majesty, and the *British* Parliament; and be a sure Means of conciliating the Affections of the People of both Countries.

“ Permit us, Most Gracious Sovereign, at the same Time that we present our sincere and humble Thanks to Your Majesty, for the Repeal of this Law, to assure Your Majesty, that as we have heretofore granted Aids to the Crown, suitable to our Circumstances; so, whenever Requisitions are made for that Purpose, in the ancient and accustomed Manner, our Duty to Your Majesty, and Concern for the Glory and Interest of *Britain*, will ever induce us chearfully to comply therewith, to the Utmost of our Abilities.----And as no Danger can approach *Britain*, without giving us the most sensible Alarm; so Your Majesty may be assured, that with filial Duty we shall ever be ready to afford all the Assistance in our Power, and stand or fall with that Kingdom; from which we boast our Descent, and to which we are attached by the strongest Ties of Duty, Gratitude and Affection.

“ *Perth-Amboy,*
“ *June 19, 1766.* }

By Order of the House,

CORTLAND SKINNER, *Speaker.*

TO His Excellency Governor FRANKLIN.

"SIR,
 "I HAVE laid before the King your Letter of the 19th of June last, together with the Addresses therein inclosed from the Council and from the Assembly of *New-Jersey*, on Occasion of the Repeal of the late Stamp Act; which could not fail of being very agreeable to His Majesty:

"His Majesty is greatly pleased with the dutiful and prudent Behaviour of his loyal Colony of *New-Jersey*, during the late Disturbances in *America*; and I have the Pleasure to acquaint you, Sir, of His Majesty's gracious Approbation of your Conduct.

"The Ease and Honour of His Majesty's Government in *America*, will greatly depend on the Temper and Wisdom of those who are intrusted with the Administration there: A Conduct regulated by just and liberal Principles, suffering no Encroachment on the one Hand, on His Majesty's just and lawful Prerogative; and on the other Hand, beholding with Pleasure, the prudent and decent Exercise of that Freedom which belongs to the People, cannot fail of engaging the Hearts of His Majesty's *American* Subjects; and of continuing in *New-Jersey* that dutiful Disposition towards His Majesty, and Confidence in Government, which you represent so much to its Honour, to have prevailed there.

I am, with great Truth and Regard, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
 SHELBURNE.

Nine Petitions were presented to the House, from several Prisoners for Debt, in the Gaols of *Burlington*, *Amboy*, *Monmouth* and *Morris*, setting forth their distressed Circumstances; and praying for an Insolvent Act; all which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary Read.

"Gentlemen,
 "I HAVE just received the Memorial sent herewith, from Col. Sir John St. Clair, Bart. Commander of His Majesty's 28th Regiment of Foot, relative to a Matter now before you, and which I recommend to your particular Attention. One of the Barrack-Masters of *Elizabeth-Town* is now here, of whom you can make such Enquiries as may be necessary for your further Information.

"Council-Chamber,
 "June 11, 1767. }

W. FRANKLIN.

And the said Message and Memorial therewith sent, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, June 12, 1767.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Keefe*, late a Serjeant in the *New-Jersey* Regiment, setting forth, that he was taken at the Surrender of *Oswego*, and carried to *France*; and praying proper Allowance of Pay; and several Certificates were also presented relating to it; all which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. J. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of *Somerset*, *Hunterdon*, *Middlesex*, and others, setting forth the Distress of the Colony for Want of a sufficient Quantity of circulating Cash; and praying a Law to strike a Sum of Money to be let out on Land Security; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House and read, from *Jacob Bergen*, *Robert Stockton*, *Benjamin Morgan* and *Joseph Stockton*, junior; praying, that the Division Line between
 C Middlesex

Middlesex and *Somerset*, may remain as now fixed, from *Onion's Ferry*, to where it crosses the Division Line of *East* and *West-Jersey*; which was ordered to have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Isaac Sharp* and *Joseph Sharp*, of *Salem*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the Barring of a certain Intail of Lands in this Province, on account of the particular Circumstances attending the Case of the Petitioners; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Three Petitions were presented to the House, from a large Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, setting forth divers Reasons, why the Court-House should not be removed from *Milstone* to any other Part of the County; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

The Petition from *Middlesex*, praying a Law to regulate Carriages, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Reading* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The several Petitions from the Townships of *Deptford* and *Greenwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying a Law to repair their Highways by Tax; were read the second Time, and on the Question;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from *Essex* and *Morris*, for lowering the Rates of Ferriages over the Rivers *Passaic* and *Hackinsack*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in at the next Sessions for that Purpose.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, whose Names are thereto subscribed, praying a Law to re-settle the Quotas of the several Counties throughout this Province; and complaining of Hardships they suffer at present in the Premises; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from fundry Freeholders, and others, of the County of *Somerset*; praying a Law to empower Justices of the Peace, to try civil Causes of £.15, and under; and setting forth divers Considerations, why their Prayer ought to be granted; which were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition from the major Part of the Owners and Occupants of the *Elizabeth-Town* Great Meadows, for a Law to prevent the Turning of Creatures on said Meadows, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from several of the Proprietors of *Seacaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, for a Law to subdivide the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Seacaucus*, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, and others, of *Bergen*, praying for an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred to next Session.

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The several Petitions presented this Session, from Prisoners for Debt, praying for an Insolvent Act, were read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Thereupon a Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in, to compel Creditors to make a small Weekly Allowance to Prisoners under particular Circumstances; after Debate thereon, and the Question put, it was carried in the Negative.

His Excellency's Message of Yesterday, together with Sir *John St. Clair's* Memorial, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Rodman*, do wait upon his Excellency, and inform him, That the House have taken his Message of Yesterday into Consideration, and will pay due Attention to it; and make every proper Inquiry into the subject Matter of the Memorial accompanying the Message.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negro and Mulatto Slaves*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Crane*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Pursuance of the Leave granted this Morning, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *John Keefe*, late a Serjeant in the *Jersey* Regiment, praying an Allowance of Pay from the Time of his Captivity at *Oswego*, and Certificates, were read the second Time; and the Consideration thereof is referred till To-Morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 13, 1767.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, whose Names are subscribed thereunto, setting forth the Harships and Inconveniencies of repairing the Highways of that Township, by the Labour of the Inhabitants; and praying a Law to repair the same by Tax; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for supplying the several Barracks erected in this Colony with Necessaries for accommodating the King's Troops in, or marching through this Colony; and for defraying other incidental Charges, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Brooks*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that he preferred a Petition last Session, for a Law to relieve him from certain Actions for Escapes; which was referred to the Consideration of this Session; and praying the House will now please to take the same into their Notice, with the additional Circumstances suggested in the present Petition, and grant such Relief as may be proper; which was read; and his former Petition was also read.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill to stay Execution upon Judgments already obtained, and the further Proceedings on Actions for the Escape of those Persons who were in Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, at the Time of the Gaol being burned at *Perth-Amboy*, and until a new Gaol was erected.

The House resumed the Consideration of *John Keefe's* Petition, for an Allowance of Pay during the Time of his Captivity; and on the Question, what shall be allowed to him? It was carried for 55*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

Ordered,

That he be allowed that Sum accordingly.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming and Mr. Richard Lawrence.

The two Petitions from *Somerset*, for a Law to re-settle the Quotas throughout the several Counties; were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred till next Session.

Mr. Rodman reported, that Mr. J. Lawrence and himself, according to Order, delivered the Message of Yesterday to his Excellency.

Mr. Reading, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Width or Track of Carriages of Burthen in the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Negro and Mulatto Slaves*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Richard Lawrence and Mr. Clement.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock:

MONDAY, June 15, 1767.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of the Southern Parts of the Township of *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, whose Names are thereto subscribed; praying for sundry Reasons, that a Law may be passed to divide the Township of *Shrewsbury*, by a Line drawn from *Cranbury Inlet*, to the Mouth of *Metetecunk River*; thence up the River to the first Bridge; thence a West Course as far as the said Township of *Shrewsbury* extends, and all that Part South of said Line, be a new Township, and called by the Name of *Dover*; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Township of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, for a Law to repair the Highways of that Township by Tax; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the Prayer of this Petition be deferred until the next Session; and that Mr. Ogden and Mr. Dey, do inquire into the Merits of the said Petition, and make Report thereon at the said Session.

In Pursuance of the Leave granted, Mr. J. Lawrence, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen; and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions amongst those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

In Pursuance of Leave granted, Mr. J. Lawrence, for the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; late Sheriff of Middlesex, with Respect to certain Escapes*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Greenwich and Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that in Pursuance of Law, they purchased a Lot in the City of *Burlington*, whereon to build a new Gaol, and a Deed was accordingly made; but as it since appeared inconvenient, the Grantor was willing to receive a Re-Conveyance; and praying a Law to empower the Petitioners to re-convey the same: And further representing, that there is no House provided in the City of *Burlington*, for the Sitting of Assembly; and that they humbly conceive, that out of the upper Rooms of the Court-House, there might be a Room made large and commodious

commodious for that Purpose; and as a Sum of Money has been granted for such a Use in the City of *Perth-Amboy*, the Petitioners are emboldened to ask the same Favour; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to take away Certioraries; and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Triennial Assemblies.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Grievances sit every Tuesday, if there be Occasion; and that said Committee be a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, brought in a Draught accordingly; which by Order of the House was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Triennial electing Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Joshua Bispham*, *John Cox*, and *Samuel Atkinson*, jun. of *Burlington County*, praying a reasonable Compensation for their Trouble and Expence in taking the Murderers of the two Indian Squaws at *Moorestown*; and attending the Trial, and entertaining upwards of 30 Indians two Days; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to take away Certioraries, and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common*, was committed; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Triennial electing Representatives, and Meeting of the General Assembly of New-Jersey*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of *Isaac Sharp* and *Joseph Sharp*, of *Salem*, praying a Law to barr a certain Intail of Land in this Province, was read the second Time; and the Petitioners attending, were called in, and heard in Support of their Petition; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *R. Lawrence*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon the Purchasers of Slaves imported into this Province*; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

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Ordered,

Ordered,
That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Width or Track of Carriages of Burthen in the Colony of New-Jersey*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rodman.

A Message from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary Read.

"Gentlemen,
"I LAY before you a Letter I have received from his Excellency General Gage, and recommend it to you to make the necessary Provision for the Troops therein mentioned.

"Burlington, June 15, 1767.

W. FRANKLIN."

Which Message, together with the Papers therewith sent, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 16, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchasers of Slaves imported into this Province*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Y E A S.

Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Runyon,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Rodman,
Mr. Doughty,
Mr. Borden,
Mr. Cooper,

Y E A S.

Mr. Clement,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keafly,
Mr. Reading,
Mr. Hart.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Van Gieson,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Stilwell.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Rodman, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Borden and Mr. Rodman, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom the Bill; entitled, *An Act to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony*, was committed; reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. Borden reported, that Mr. Rodman and himself delivered the two Bills with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to An Act, entitled, An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Fisher and Mr. Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; late Sheriff of Middlesex, with Respect to certain Escapes*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Johnston and Mr. Crane.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Greenwich and Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Clement.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to restrain the bringing Certioraries, and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes;* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Wetherill and Mr. Johnston.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *George Remer*, late Sheriff of *Somerset*, setting forth, that all his Estate has been sold on Executions for Escapes, and that his Person is now confined in the Gaol of *Somerset*, on the same Account; and that he is in a very infirm State of Health, and has a large Family of small Children; and praying such Relief as the House in their Wisdom shall think proper; which was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Freebold*, in *Monmouth* County, praying for sundry Reasons contained in their Petition, that the Legislature will make no Alteration in the Bounds of that Township; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till three, P. M.

The House met,

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony,* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Runyon,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stilwell,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Rodman,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Reading,	Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Doughty,	Mr. Keasby,	Mr. Hart.	Mr. Van Geisen.

Ordered,

That Mr. Dey and Mr. Clement, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Upper Freebold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, signifying, that they are willing that the Township of *Shrewsbury* should be divided in any Manner as to the House may seem meet, so that the Bounds of *Upper Freebold* are not altered; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, whose Names are thereto subscribed, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for building a new Court-House at or near *Bound-Brook*, for divers Reasons therein advanced; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Grievances of the Colony; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters before them, and desired Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do sit again on Thursday next.

Mr. Dey reported, that Mr. Clement and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. Read, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers Persons of *Burlington* County, setting forth Reasons why *Solomon Rockbill*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Burlington* Gaol, should be indulged with an Insolvent Act; which Petition was read,

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Isaac Rogers*, in Behalf of himself and his Brother, Devizees of their Father *Samuel Rogers*, late of *Allens-Town*, deceased; setting forth the particular Circumstances relating to the Duty of maintaining and keeping in Repair a certain Bridge over *Crosswicks Creek*, in the County of *Monmouth*, and praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

And a Petition was presented to the House, from *Richard Brown*, and others, of the County of *Monmouth*, containing a different Detail of Facts respecting the maintaining of the same Bridge; and praying Redress; which was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Triennial Assemblies; and the Bill for Support of Government; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, June 17, 1767.

The House met.

Mr. *Crane* being much indisposed, had Leave to be absent the Remainder of the Session.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Woolwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying a Law to repair the Highways of that Township by Tax; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the *Greenwich* and *Deptford* Bill.

Mr. Speaker, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Letters to and from the Agent and others; which were read.

A Petition was presented to the House, from divers Inhabitants of *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, praying a Law to dam out a Branch of *Maple-Island Creek*, to cut Ditches and put in Sluices to drain the Meadow between *Wheeler's Point*, *Maple Island* and *Tompkins's Point*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading:

Mr. *John Lawrence*, in Pursuance of Leave, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately belonging to Anthony Sharp, the Elder, deceased; and also for vesting the same in Isaac Sharp and Joseph Sharp, his Grandsons, their Heirs and Assigns, pursuant to an Agreement made with the Tenant in Tail*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to restrain the bringing Certioraries, and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes*, was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *William Gerrard*, of the County of *Gloucester*, praying, for sundry Reasons therein mentioned, a Law to invest him with the Fee in the Profits of the Toll-Bridge in said County, and Liberty to erect a Dwelling-House within the Bounds of the Road; and a Certificate was also presented from the Commissioners appointed in the Act for laying out a Road from *Little-Timber-Creek* to *Cooper's Ferries*, relating to the said Petition; both which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Olden* and *Azariah Dunham*, setting forth, that in Pursuance of Law, they were ordered by the Board of Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex*, to survey the Line of Division between the Counties of *Middlesex*,

Middlesex and *Somerset*; which Line they run out accordingly, in the Presence of a Surveyor and two other Persons on the Part of *Somerset*; since which the *Somerset* People have taken Measures to ascertain a different Line; and praying such Determination in the Premises as to the House shall seem meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Stafford*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying to be heard by their Council at the Bar of the House, why the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Skrewsbury* should not be granted; which present Petition was read; and the other Petitions presented this Session for and against annexing the upper Part of *Skrewsbury* to *Upper and Lower Freehold*, were also read; and all the Parties attending, were called in; and their several Proofs and Allegations fully heard; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Lawrence* and Mr. *Anderson*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to divide the Southern Part of the Township of *Skrewsbury*, by a West Line from *Metetecunk* Bridge, to *Keith's* Line; and to erect the said Southern Part into a Township, and to annex the Western Part of *Skrewsbury* to the Townships of *Upper and Lower Freehold*.

The House adjourn'd till Four, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to restrain the bringing Certioraries, and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *R. Lawrence* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen, &c.* reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Three Petitions were presented to the House, from a large Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying that Fairs may be established by Law, to be held at *Bridgetown*, in that County; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, informing the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common*, without any Amendment; and that they have made sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended by the Council, be re-engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of *Somerset*, praying, for the Reasons contained in their Petition, that the Bill preferred last Session for settling the Boundary Line between *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, may now pass into a Law; which was read; and the several Petitions presented this and last Session, respecting the said Line, were also read; and on the Question, whether the House will now go into

the Consideration thereof, or refer the same to the next Session? It was carried for referring.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be deferred till next Session.

Mr. J. Lawrence reported, that Mr. R. Lawrence and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. S. Smith, acquainting the House, that the Council have made sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchasers of Slaves imported into this Province*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the Council's Amendments or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 18, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, an Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Township of Bergen, and for making a Partition thereof in just and equitable Proportions amongst those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be intitled to the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. Stilwell, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for regulating Carriages of Burthen within this Colony*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Keasly, do carry the same to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, in the Province of New-Jersey, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Miller and Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Van Gieson reported, that Mr. Stilwell and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petition of William Gerrard, of Gloucester County, and Certificate for investing him with the Profits of the Toll-Bridge, and Liberty to erect a Dwelling-House in the Road, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Greenwich, Deptford and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

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Mr. *R. Lawrence*, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Southern Part of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, into a new Township, and to annex the Northwesterly Part of said Township to the Townships of Upper and Lower Freehold*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act re-appointing the Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, with Furniture, and other Necessaries for accommodating the King's Troops, in or marching through the same; for supplying Deficiencies, and defraying other incidental Charges*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled; *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; late Sheriff of Middlesex, with Respect to certain Escapes*, reported the same without any Amendment; and the said Bill was read, and on the Question, whether the same be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Petition of the Board of Justices and Freeholders of *Burlington County*, for a Law to impower them to re-convey certain Lands, and to enable them to convert the upper Room of the Court-House into a Room for the Use of the Assembly, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the House will now grant the Prayer of the Petition, or refer the Consideration thereof to next Session? It was carried for referring.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred to next Session:

The several Petitions of *Richard Brown* and others, and *Isaac Rogers*, respecting the Duty of maintaining a certain Bridge over *Crosswicks Creek*, in *Monmouth County*; were read the second Time,

Ordered,

That *Richard Brown* have Leave to bring in a Bill for his Relief in the Premises, at the next Session, provided he gives publick Notice of his Application, and this Order, at least six Weeks before the said Session, in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

The House adjourn'd till three, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; late Sheriff of Middlesex, with Respect to certain Escapes*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Township of Greenwich, Deptford and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*;

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Keasby*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchasers of Slaves imported into this Province*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Clement*, do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, in the Province of New-Jersey, &c.* reported the same without any Amendments; and the said Bill was read, and on the Question, whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Samuel Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House, from fundry Persons of *Somerset* County, praying a Law to annex that Part of *Somerset* County which lieth within the Borough of *Elizabeth*, to *Essex* County; which was read, and referred to the Consideration of next Session.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Grievances of the Colony; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that a Complaint hath been made to the said Committee; against the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, for refusing to hold a Court of Oyer and Terminer; and General Gaol Delivery, for the County of *Salem*, unless the Justices and Freeholders of the said County would agree to pay him the said *Frederick Smyth* 20s per Diem, from the Day he set out until he returned, over and above the Sum allowed by Law; that the said Committee are unwilling to proceed thereon, until the said Chief Justice is notified thereof; that if he thinks proper, he may be heard before the House.

Mr. *Fisher* also reported, that the Committee desired Leave to sit again;

Ordered,

That the Committee do sit again To-Morrow Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this House, do serve a Copy of the above Minute on the Chief Justice, and inform him, that the House will be ready to hear him, To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government; and after some Time spent therein; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, June 19, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately belonging to Anthony Sharp, the Elder, deceased; and also for vesting the same in Isaac Sharp and Joseph Sharp, his Grandsons, their Heirs and Assigns, pursuant to an Agreement made with the Tenant in Tail;* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Keasby*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfeld*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to restrain the bringing Certioraries, &c.* without any Amendment.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the Support of Government; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had come to several Resolutions; which he was ready to Report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, according to Order; reported the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House, on the Support Bill, as follows; *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; *Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum*, to commence the 21st Day of May last; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*.
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Rodman*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Keafby*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Reading*,
Mr. *Hart*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Who voted for 1000 l.

2. To the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum*; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Sum or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Rodman*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Keafby*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Reading*,
Mr. *Hart*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*.
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Who voted for £. 100.

3. To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

4. To the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

5. To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

6. To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

7. To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, or to the Clerk for the Time being, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

8. To the Agent of this Colony for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed: And on the Question, whether *Henry Wilmot*, Esq; be continued Agent of this Colony or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Rodman*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Doughty*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Keafby*,
Mr. *Leaming*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Reading*,
Mr. *Hart*.

9. To *Joseph Warrell*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

10. To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

11. To His Excellency *William Franklin, Esq;* *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House Rent; provided he makes *Pertb-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

12. To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time. To which the House agreed.

13. To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time, *Six Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

14. To *Richard Smith*, one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; also *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning 90 Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. To *Jonathah Deare*, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Business the last Session of Assembly at *Amboy*. To the said *Richard Smith*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, at this and a former Session, in *November, 1765*, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*; and for a Blank Book for the Use of this House, and for Freight of the Assembly Boxes to and from *Amboy*, the Sum of *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings*. To which the House agreed.

15. To the Secretary, for copying the publick Laws to send home to *England*, during the Continuance of the said Act, *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning 90 Words to the Sheet. To which the House agreed.

16. To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit. To which the House agreed.

17. To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Johnston, Hendrick Fisher, John Wetherill, Reune Runyon, John Ogden, Daniel Doughty* and *John Lawrence*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

18. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

19. To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

20. To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six Pence per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

21. To *Thomas Rodman, Esq;* to pay for a Room for the Assembly, *Twenty Shillings* per Week; and also *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for a Room for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Term. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

The several Petitions from *Cumberland* and *Salem*, for re-establishing the Fairs there, were read the second Time; and two Persons attending, were called in, and heard in Support of the Petitions; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Southern Part of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, into a new Township; and to annex the Northwesterly Part of said Township to the Townships of Upper and Lower Freehold*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Reading.

Mr. Cooper; in Behalf of the Petitioner, and in Pursuance of Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll-Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns; and to empower the said William Gerrard, to build a House within the Bounds of the Road, for the more convenient receiving the Toll of said Bridge*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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According to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Grievances of the Colony; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to sundry Resolutions; which he was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made To-Morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 20, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof,* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Ogden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Lord *Stirling*, one of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll-Bridge, lately erected over Newton-Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns; and to empower the said William Gerrard to build a House within the Bounds of the Road, for the more convenient receiving the Toll of said Bridge;* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Doughty*.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect the Southern Part of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, into a new Township; and to annex the North-Westerly Part of said Township, to the Townships of Upper and Lower Freehold;* was committed; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill was further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Grievances of the Colony, according to Order made the following Report, viz.

The Committee of Grievances, taking into Consideration the Complaint against *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, for refusing to hold a Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery; for the County of *Salem*, unless he was allowed *Twenty Shillings, per Day*, going and returning, over and above the Sum allowed by Law.

And a Letter from the said *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; to *Charles Read*, Esq; being read, in which the said Demand is made; and a Letter from the said Chief Justice, to the Speaker of the House, being also read; and it appearing to this Committee, that the said Demand was made, and no Court held; and that thereby such Delay ensued, that the principal Felon in the Gaol of the said County, made his Escape.

Resolved,

That the Chief Justice refusing to hold a Court, at any Season of the Year, is a Denial of Justice, and injurious to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Chief Justice demanding any other Fee or Reward, than allowed by the Laws of this Colony, is setting a bad Example to other Officers of Government, and may be productive of dangerous Consequences. To both which the House agreed. *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered,

That the Letters referred to in the above Report, be entered on the Journals of this House.

To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; of *Burlington*.

S I R,

Brunswick, July 11, 1766.

‘ **W**HEN the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Salem* shall think proper to apply to me, and request me to petition the Governor for a Commission of Oyer and Terminer, for the Trial of Criminals in their County, I will very readily do it; but till this is done, I do not think I am authorised to ask for such a Commission.

‘ I shall be obliged to you, if you have any Opportunity to acquaint the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Salem*, that it is my Resolution, at present, not to come into that distant County, in this hot Season of the Year, unless, they engage to bear my Expences from *Amboy* to *Salem*, and back again, at the Rate of *Twenty Shillings per Day*. *Ten Pounds* allowed by the Province, is little enough for the Fatigue of sitting in a crowded Court-House to attend a Trial.

‘ *I am, with great Respect, SIR,*

‘ *Your very obedient humble Servant,*

FRE. SMYTH.”

To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; *Speaker of the House of Representatives of New-Jersey.*

‘ S I R,

Burlington, June 19, 1767.

‘ **B**Y a Paper left at my Lodgings last Night by Order of the House of Assembly, I find Complaint hath been made against me in the House, for refusing to hold a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery for the County of *Salem*, unless the Justices and Freeholders of the said County would agree to pay me *Twenty Shillings, per Diem*, from the Day I should set out, till my Return, over and above the Sum allowed by Law.

‘ In Answer to this Charge, I must beg the Favour of you, to acquaint the House of Assembly, that during my Residence in this Province, once in every Year, a Court of Oyer and Terminer has been held by me in the County of *Salem*; that the last Court was held about a Month since; that I have never received one Farthing above the *Ten Pounds* allowed by Law, for holding those Courts, notwithstanding from the Length of the Journey, I have necessarily been obliged to expend much more than that Sum.

‘ Be pleased also, Sir, to acquaint the House, that it is not usual to hold more than one Court of Oyer and Terminer, in a Year, in the County of *Salem*, unless the Magistrates petition the Justices of the Supreme Court, to request the Governor to issue a special Commission. No such Petition has ever been presented to me, from the Magistrates of *Salem*; and therefore I have not yet had an Opportunity to refuse such a Request, nor can any Disappointment on this Occasion be imputed to me.

‘ If any mention has been made by me of *Twenty Shillings per Day*, for travelling Charges, to attend a Special Court at *Salem*, it was written in a Letter to a Friend in a private Correspondence; but never demanded by me; nor should I have allowed myself to insist on it, if the Magistrates had legally applied to me for a Commission of Oyer and Terminer: But in the mean Time, I submit to the Consideration of the House of Assembly, if it can be reasonable to expect or require me, to perform a Journey, with Servants and Horses, upwards of an Hundred and Sixty Miles, (which I believe is less than the Distance from my House at *Amboy* to *Salem*, and home again) for the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

‘ Therefore, Sir, as I find the Word *Grievance* in the Paper from the House, and a Committee of Grievances, &c. If there is any true Cause of Complaint at this Time, or any real Grievance existing, I hope the House will discover where it ought to be fixed, and how redressed. I hope the House will no longer think it reasonable, that

‘ that I should be called from one End of the Province to the other, at an Expence
 ‘ three Times above what is allowed by Law, to hold a Court whenever a Thief shall
 ‘ be apprehended, merely because the Gaols in the Counties are not kept in sufficient
 ‘ Repair to hold Prisoners; which I observe is the usual Reasons given for requesting a
 ‘ special Court.

‘ As I have ever been attentive to discharge the Duty of my Station, with the
 ‘ strictest Uprightness, Punctuality and Zeal, for the Good of this Province, I hope
 ‘ the Representatives of *New-Jersey*, will have more Candour, than to admit of
 ‘ Censure, Murmuring or Reflections, to be heard in their House, to my Dishonour,
 ‘ till they shall appear to be justly due and well founded.

‘ I am, with all due Respect to the House, and Regard for you, SIR,

‘ Your very obedient humble Servant,

FRE. SMYTH.”

‘ P. S. If it will afford Satisfaction to any of the Members of the House, I will,
 ‘ with great Pleasure, confer with them on the Subject of the Paper left with me last
 ‘ Night, whenever they shall be pleased to call upon me.”

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Triennial Assemblies; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made sundry Amendments thereto; which he was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* reported the said Bill and Amendments; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Newark*, for a Law to dam out a Branch of *Maple-Island* Creek, in the County of *Essex*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at next Session, according to their Prayer, provided they advertise this Application and Order, in the *New-York* Gazette, at least six Weeks before the said Session, and no reasonable Objections shall then appear against the same.

Mr. *Reading* had Leave to be absent the Remainder of the Session, on special Occasions.

The House adjourn’d till Monday Morning Nine o’Clock.]

MONDAY, June 22, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the triennial electing Representatives, and meeting of the General Assembly of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved; *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Anderson*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Town of Shrewsbury, and to annex Parts thereof to the Towns of Freehold, and Upper Freehold*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

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Resolved,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. R. Lawrence and Mr. Hart, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll-Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with one Amendment thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendment in its Place; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Aaron Leaming, as Pay-Master to the*

1765.	June 12.	To Cash paid William Seth, No 1.	-	-	-	-	£. 1:13:6
1766.	June 11.	To Ditto paid John M ^c Gregor's Order, No 2.	-	-	-	-	1:13:6
		To Ditto paid James Pain's Order, No 3.	-	-	-	-	1:13:6
							<u>£. 5:00:6</u>

Errors excepted by Aaron Leaming.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to Reuben Runyon, Barrack-Master at*

1765.	July 1.	To the Amount of sundry Disbursements to this Day, for the Use of the Barracks.	£. 544:15:11
		Commissions from 1 st March 1759, to 1 st July 1765, is six Years and four Months,	
		at 10 ^l . per Annum,	63:06:08
			608:02:07
Balance due to the Province,			<u>141:11:05</u>
			<u>£. 749:14:00</u>

N. B. The above Account was examined and stated the last Session at Amboy, in June 1766; but for Want of the Treasurers Accounts, the Committee deferred reporting it till this Session.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to John Blanchard, one of the Barrack-*

To Disbursements as per Vouchers, from May 10, 1765, to June 10, 1767,	-	-	£. 590:00:10
To two Years Salary as Barrack-Master, from June, 1765, to June 1767.	-	-	20:00:00
June 13, 1767.			<u>£. 610:00:10</u>

We the Subscribers, being appointed to settle publick Accounts, have examined John Blanchard's Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and do report the same as above stated.

JOSEPH BORDEN,
JOHN JOHNSTON,
THOMAS RODMAN.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to Joseph Borden, Esq; one of the Commissioners*

1764.	To the Amount of sundry Supplies for the Troops, and other Expences, as per Vouchers,	£. 989:13:11
	To Commissions at two per Cent.	19:15:10½
		<u>1009:09:09½</u>
Balance due to the Province,		<u>106:03:06</u>
		<u>£. 1115:13:03½</u>

N. B. Remains in Mr. Borden's Hands,
20 Shirts,
48 Pair Drawers,
39 Blankets.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Chester, Evesham, Northampton* and *Willingborough*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying for several Reasons, that a Law may be passed, to declare *Rancocas Creek* a lawful Fence; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee appointed to settle the publick Accounts, made the following Reports. To which the House agreed, viz.

New-Jersey Regiment, for November, 1760.		Contra	Cr.
1765.	June 20. By Cash of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	-	£. 1:13:6
1766.	June 26. By Cash of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq;	-	3:07:0
			£. 5:00:6

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.

Burlington, June 16, 1767.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
THOMAS RODMAN,
THEUNIS DEY.

New-Brunswick, from 1st March, 1759, to July 1, 1765.		Cr.
1759.	June 20. By Cash received of <i>Hendrick Fisher</i> , Esq;	£. 52:12:00
	Dec. 8. By Ditto of Ditto.	100:00:00
1760.	Jan. 20. By Ditto of Ditto.	30:00:00
	April 28. By Ditto of <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq;	120:12:00
	Nov. 29. By Ditto of Ditto,	192:10:00
1761.	Octo. 13. By Ditto of <i>Hendrick Fisher</i> , Esq;	54:00:00
1762.	By Ditto of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq;	200:00:00
		£. 749:14:00

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, having examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relative thereto, do report the same as above stated.

Burlington, June 17, 1767.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
JOHN HART,
GEORGE READING.

To which the House agreed, viz.

Masters at Elizabeth-Town.		Contra	Cr.
By Cash received for the Furniture of the Barracks sold, including Money received for Rent for the same,		-	£. 15:18:10
By Cash received of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Treasurer, agreeable to Law,		-	100:00:00
Ballance due to <i>John Blanchard</i> ,		-	494:02:00
			£. 610:00:10

for supplying the Soldiers of the Jersey Regiment with Necessaries in 1764.		Cr.
1764.	By the Amount of sundry Remnants of Linnen, sold by Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,	£. 9:15:05
	May 23. By Cash received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	80:16:00
	June 2. By Ditto of Ditto,	235:16:04½
	July 12. By Ditto of Ditto,	700:00:00
	By the Amount of Soldiers Cloaths, sold at Vendue,	89:00:00
		£. 1115:07:09½

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.

Burlington, June 16, 1767.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
THOMAS RODMAN,
THEUNIS DEY.

Dr.

Dr.	<i>The Province of New-Jersey, to Robert Ogden, one of the</i>	
To sundry Disbursements from June 14, 1763, to June 4, 1767,		£. 57:8:8
To Commissions, four Years from June 4, 1763, to June 4, 1767, at 10l. per Annum,		40:0:0
		<hr/> £. 97:8:8

We the Subscribers being appointed to settle publick Accounts, have examined *Robert Ogden's Account*, and Vouchers relative thereto, and do report the same as above stated.

June 13, 1767.

JOSEPH BORDEN,
JOHN JOHNSTON,
THOMAS RODMAN.

The House taking into Consideration the State of Public Accounts, and finding that the Ballances of divers Accounts, are yet unpaid.

Ordered,

That the Treasurers of this Province, do demand and receive, and if necessary, sue for the several Sums due on the Balance of Accounts, that they may be finally settled at the next Session of Assembly.

The Address to his Excellency, was read the second Time, and amended in the House; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that the other Gentlemen and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that the other Gentlemen and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *R. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled; *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll Bridge, lately erected over Newton Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns; and to empower the said William Gerrard, to build a House within the Bounds of the Road, for the more convenient receiving the Toll of said Bridge;* was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* and Mr. *Rodman*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Keasby* reported, that Mr. *Rodman* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared; and on the Question.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when his Excellency will be waited upon, with the Address of the House.

The several Petitions presented this Session, for striking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Land Security; were read the second Time; and the Consideration thereof referred to next Session.

The

Barrack-Masters at Elizabeth-Town,

Cōtra

Cr.

1763. July 9. By Cash received of *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer,
Ballance due to *Robert Ogden*,£. 51:0:0
46:8:8

£. 97:8:8

N. B. With the above Account, Mr. *Ogden* sent in an Account of £. 30:15:2, which was for Billeting, and sundry Articles for the Barracks; but as they were previous to his former Settlement, we did not think proper to allow it, till he can be present to give Reasons why they were not allowed in the said former Settlement.

The Committee that shall be appointed to settle public Accounts the next Session at *Amboy*, is desired to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, to be satisfied, whether Mr. *Ogden* did not receive any more Money than the above 51 l.

The Petition from *Somerfet*, for building a new Court-House, at or near *Bound-Brook*; was read the second Time, and referred to next Session.

The Petition from several Townships in the County of *Burlington*, for making *Rancocus* Creek, a lawful Fence; was read the second Time, and referred to next Session of Assembly at *Burlington*.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Message to his Excellency, according to Order; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in a short Time.

Mr. *Clement* had Leave to be absent, the Remainder of the Session.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was committed; reported the said Bill, with sundry Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the House; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 23, 1767.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, with Furniture, and other Necessaries for accommodating the King's Troops, in or marching through the same; for supplying Deficiencies, and defraying other incidental Charges;* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered;

That Mr. *Van Gieson*, Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Rodman*, do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Stilwell* had Leave to be absent the Remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Rodman* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print 450 Sets of the Votes of this House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker; and send 26 to the Treasurer of the Eastern Division, and 26 to the Treasurer of the Western-Division; to be distributed as follows:

To the Governor	8	The Officers of the House, and Council, each	1
To each of the Council	2	To the Clerk of the House, for the Use	} 4
The Agent	6	of the House.	

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the House, or their Order, as follows:

For <i>Perth-Amboy</i>	12	<i>Gloucester</i>	30
<i>Middlesex</i>	30	<i>Salem</i>	24
<i>Monmouth</i>	46	<i>Cumberland</i>	24
<i>Essex</i>	30	<i>Cape-May</i>	18
<i>Somerset</i>	28	<i>Hunterdon</i>	50
<i>Bergen</i>	20	<i>Morris</i>	24
City of <i>Burlington</i>	12	<i>Suffex</i>	20
County of <i>Burlington</i>	30		

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony do forthwith print 519 Copies of the Laws which may be passed this Session, and send 485 as soon as possible to the several Members of this House.

For the Use of <i>Perth-Amboy</i>	6	<i>Gloucester</i>	41
<i>Middlesex</i>	40	<i>Salem</i>	36
<i>Monmouth</i>	44	<i>Cumberland</i>	36
<i>Essex</i>	30	<i>Cape-May</i>	24
<i>Somerset</i>	41	<i>Hunterdon</i>	59
<i>Bergen</i>	25	<i>Morris</i>	24
City of <i>Burlington</i>	6	<i>Suffex</i>	33
County of <i>Burlington</i>	40		

To be distributed in each County as follows:

To the Members each	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Assessors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1	First Judge of each County	1
Collector of each County	1	Each Justice of the Peace	1

Which said several Laws are to be left in the Hands of the respective Members, to be delivered when called for by the respective Persons to whom they belong.

And the said Printer shall send the Remainder to either of the Treasurers, to be given as follows:

To the Governor	4	Attorney General	1
Each of the Council	1	Clerks of the House, each	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court	1	The Agent	4
Clerk of said Court, for each Office	1	The Clerk of the House, for the	} 4
Treasurers each	1	Use of the House	

Ordered,

That the Printer do send the Laws and Votes when printed, for the Counties of *Burlington*, *Gloucester*, *Salem*, *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, to the Care of *Joseph Borden*, Esq; to be forwarded to the several Members of the said Counties.

Resolved,

That this House will defray the Expence the said *Joseph Borden* is at in forwarding the said Laws and Votes to the respective Members.

The House adjourn'd for a Quarter of an Hour.

The House met.

And adjourn'd till four, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Read*, informing the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government*, &c. The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Town of Shrewsbury, &c.* without any Amendment.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary Read;
Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented their Address to his Excellency, in the Words following, viz.

TO His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Colony of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Colony, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly met, return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for your Excellency's favourable Speech at the Opening of this Session; and assure your Excellency, it would have been extremely grateful to have received satisfactory Intelligence of the Resolutions of the British Parliament, with Regard to a Paper Currency in America: As their Result in this Matter will most nearly affect the future Prosperity and Happiness of this Colony, we anxiously wait the Event; which, if favourable, will put it in our Power to alleviate the Distresses and grievous Complaints of our Constituents for Want of circulating Cash, set forth in Petitions from many Parts of the Province now before us.

His Majesty's gracious Reception of our Address, and Approbation of the Behaviour of this Colony, signified in the Right Honourable the Earl of Shelburne's Letter, is truly agreeable to this House, and cannot fail inspiring the Inhabitants of this Colony with Resolutions to improve every Opportunity of meriting it from the Best of Sovereigns.

We have made Provision by Law, for discharging the Arrearages due to the Barrack-Masters, and for supplying the King's Troops quartered in this Colony, with Necessaries, that will not be liable to the Inconveniencies mentioned by your Excellency; and have also ~~provided a Reward~~ to the Persons active in apprehending the Indian Murderers, as an Encouragement to the like Vigilance on future Occasions.

The Wisdom and Justice of Government, in bringing to exemplary Punishment, Men, who in Defiance of all Ties, divine and human, in cold Blood, could perpetrate such horrid Murders, and thereby kindle the Resentment of the Natives against us, cannot fail of producing good Effects; more especially when made use of in the prudent Manner proposed by Sir William Johnson.

Nothing shall be wanting on our Part, consistent with Duty to our Constituents, to improve the Harmony subsisting between the several Branches of the Legislature, which is ever productive of the most salutary Effects; and we hope, will at this Time enable us to give a quick Dispatch to such Parts of the publick Business, as will not admit of being postponed; but the advanced Season will by no Means allow going through all that calls for our Attention at this Time.

By Order of the House,

CORTLAND SKINNER, Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I THANK you for this Address: Your Readiness in granting the necessary Supplies for the King's Troops, as it evinces the Reality of those dutiful and loyal Sentiments you express, will doubtless recommend you to His Majesty's Favour. Your Approbation of the Measures taken by Government, for bringing the Murderers of the Indians to Justice, and the Disposition you have shewn to promote Harmony, cannot but afford me particular Pleasure."

The House adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, June 24, 1767.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ladd, informing the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks, &c.* without any Amendment; and that they have made one Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Greenwich, &c.* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and the said Bill was read; and the Amendment in its Place; and on the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Amendment or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Council's Amendment.

The Bill, re-engrossed with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Greenwich, Deptford and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose,* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Borden, do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Borden and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Stevens, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, &c.* and the Bill, entitled, *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll-Bridge lately erected over Newton Creek, &c.* are passed the Council this Day, without any Amendment. Mr. Stevens also brought down from the Council, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus;* and desired the Concurrence of this House to the said Bill; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente,*

That Mr. Leaming and Mr. Borden do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, That as Dissolutions of the General Assembly at proper Periods, tend greatly to secure the Liberty of the People; so a long Continuance of Assemblies may endanger that Liberty; and therefore, as the present General Assembly has continued for upwards of six Years, it is the Request of this House, that his Excellency will be pleased to give the People of this Colony, a new Choice of Representatives.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen,* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste, &c.* was read the third Time, and one Amendment being made thereto; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. Dey, do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendment.

Mr. Van Gieson reported, that Mr. Dey and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Parker*, with the Bill re-engrossed with the Amendment made thereto by this House, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Waste, &c.* which being read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Keasby*, do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, according to Order, waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, that he would take the Matter into Consideration.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Rodman*, do go to the Council, and enquire whether the Council have any further Business before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Rodman* and himself, performed the Order of the House, and the Council say, they have Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Miller* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House have gone through all the Business before them, and are desirous of being dismissed.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself waited upon his Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, that he would send for the House in a Quarter of an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*;

Gentlemen,

‘ YOU have not yet continued so long as is usual with the House of Commons in *England*; and I can mention to your Credit, that I have never heard of the least Uneasiness among your Constituents, respecting the Continuance of this Assembly. At present I cannot see any Advantage either to the Crown or the People, which will result from an immediate Dissolution; but I shall, however, take your Request into Consideration, and do therein what shall appear to me most for His Majesty’s Service, and the Good of the Province.

June 24, 1767.

W. FRANKLIN.”

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Read*;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz:

1. An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty’s Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.

2. An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, with Furniture and other Necessaries, for accommodating the King’s Troops, in or marching through the same; for supplying Deficiencies, and defraying other incidental Charges.

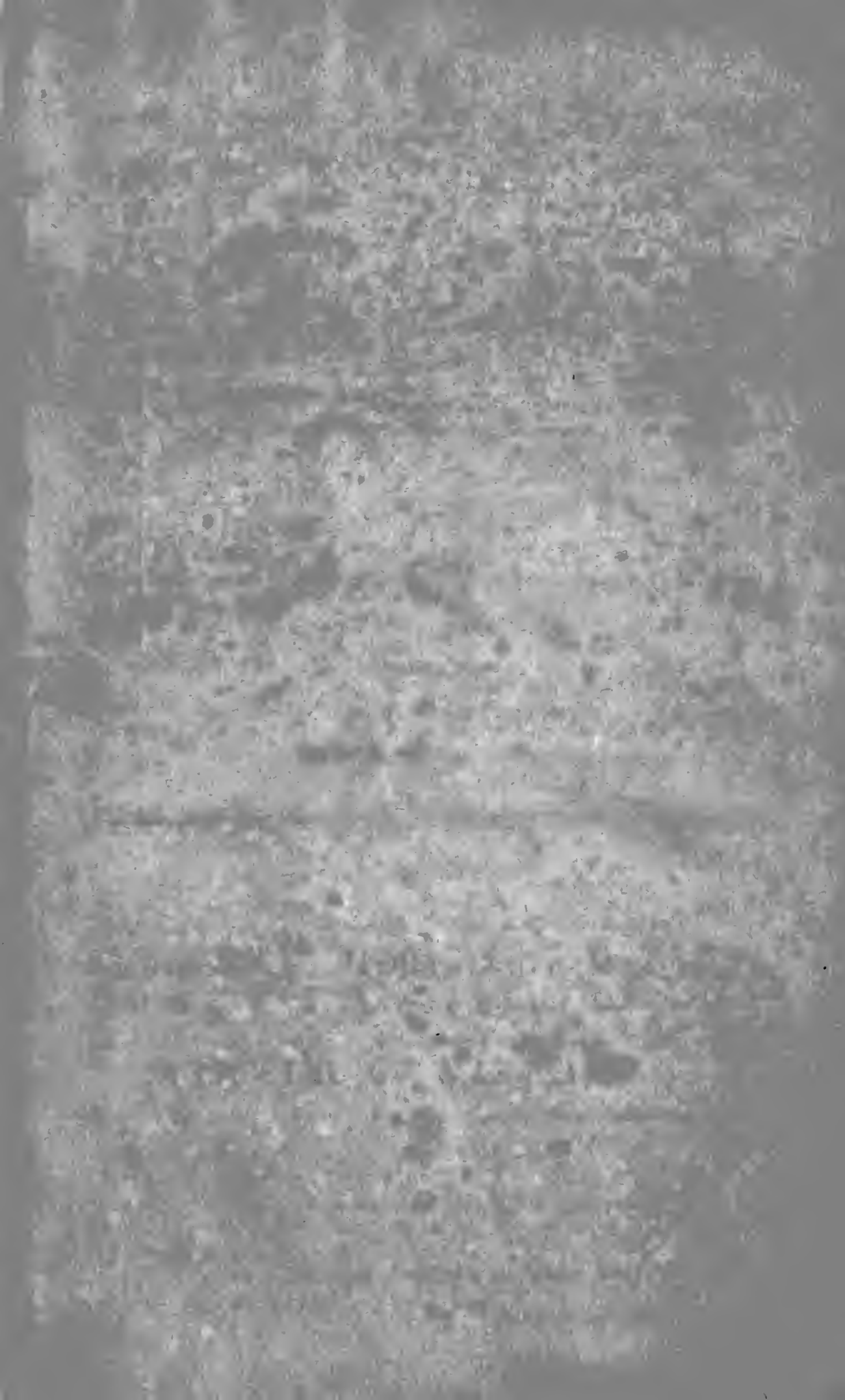
3. An Act to restrain the bringing Certioraries, and to alter the Mode of determining Appeals in small Causes,

4. *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchasers of Slaves imported into this Province.*
5. *An Act to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony.*
6. *An Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Greenwich, Deptford and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose.*
7. *An Act to prevent the Pasturing the Elizabeth-Town Great Meadows in Common.*
8. *An Act to divide the Town of Shrewsbury, and annex Parts thereof to the Towns of Freehold and Upper Freehold.*
9. *An Act for investing a Fee in the Toll-Bridge, lately erected over Newton-Creek, in William Gerrard, his Heirs and Assigns; and to impower the said William Gerrard to build a House within the Bounds of the Road, for the more convenient receiving the Toll of said Bridge.*
10. *An Act for the Relief of James Brooks, Esq; late Sheriff of Middlesex, with Respect to certain Escapes.*
11. *An Act for barring the Estate Tail, in certain Lands and Tenements, in the Province of New-Jersey, lately belonging to Anthony Sharp, the Elder, deceased, and also for vesting the same in Isaac Sharp and Joseph Sharp, his Grandsons, their Heirs and Assigns, pursuant to an Agreement made with the Tenant in Tail.*
12. *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, an Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus, in the Corporation of Bergen.*

And then his Excellency prorogued the General Assembly to Tuesday the Fourth Day of August next, then to meet at Perth-Amboy.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House of Representatives, I do appoint *James Parker* to print these Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,
Speaker.



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V O T E S
AND
P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
General Assembly
OF THE
Province of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at
PERTH-AMBOY, April 12, 1768, and continued
till the 10th of *May* following.

Being the Fifteenth Session of the Twentieth Assembly of *NEW-
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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, Tuesday, April 12, 1768.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 13, 1768.

The House met, and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, adjourn'd till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, April 14, 1768.

The House met.

Abraham Van Neste, Esq; being returned a Representative to serve in the General Assembly, for the County of *Somerset*, in the Stead of *John Hogbland*, Esq; deceased, and now attending, was admitted into the House; and being duly qualified before *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; thereto authorised by *Dedimus Potestatem*:

Ordered,

That he take his Seat accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, and there not yet being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, the House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 15, 1768.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Borden*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in an Hour.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from the House of Representatives of the Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*, of the 11th of *February*, 1768, relative to the Difficulties that must accrue to the Colonies on the Continent of *North-America*, by the Operation of the several Acts of Parliament, imposing Duties and Taxes on the *American Colonies*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Lauterman*, *John Snook*, *Frederick Hayn*, *William Stroder*, and *Philip Remer*, praying an Act for their Naturalization, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows on *Woodbury Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*; setting forth, that the Act to continue a Dam across said Creek, is found inconvenient, and praying a new Law; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Josiah Banks*, setting forth, that he was a Captain in the Troops stationed on the Frontiers, under the Command of Major *M. Donald*, and had been at great Expence in recruiting Men for said Service, and had not received an Allowance therefor, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, setting forth the Difficulties that attend the present Mode of repairing the publick Highways by Labour; and praying a Law for repairing the Highways in that Township, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same, were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, against repairing the Highways in said Township, by a Tax; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Ephraim Terrill*, *Abraham Clark*, and *Azariah Dunham*, praying, for the Reasons therein set forth, an Allowance for their Time and Expence in viewing and surveying Roads, &c. and that a Law may be passed to suppress the Lottery by them set on Foot; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the South Ward of *Pertb-Amboy*, and *New-Brunswick*, praying a Law, for building a Bridge where the old Bridge stood at *South-River*, and for the Road to go as it formerly did, from a Place called the *Sand Holes*, to said Bridge, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from divers of the Claimers of the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, praying a Law to revive the Act for appointing Commissioners, &c. for making Partition of said Commons, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the chosen Freeholders of the County of *Essex*, praying a Law to explain the Law respecting the Justices and Freeholders, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from several Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, praying a Law for a Lottery, to finish the Church in said Township; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House, was read, and is as follows, viz.

“ Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

“ I HAVE called you together somewhat earlier than usual, that you might have full Time to complete the Business you left unfinished at the last Session, and such other Matters as may require your Attention, before the Season of the Year shall render it inconvenient for you to be absent from your Homes.

“ There is at this Time a considerable Number of Debtors confin'd in the different Goals in this Province. The Condition of many of them is truly deplorable; and I cannot but recommend them to your Compassion. Good Policy, indeed, as well as Humanity, dictates, that if any Expedient can be contriv'd for their Relief, not liable to such Mischiefs as attended the late Insolvent Act, it ought to be adopted.

“ The State of the Public Roads in this Province is another Matter that merits your Attention. Even those which lie between the two principal Trading Cities in North America, are seldom passible without Danger or Difficulty. I have before mentioned this Subject unto you; and the Legislature, at the Session in 1765, seem'd so fully sensible that some Regulations in this respect were wanting, that an Act was then pass'd, for appointing Commissioners to view the Ground, and report to
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the next Session of General Assembly, the Practicability of laying out strait Roads through certain Parts of the Province, and for establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the same. But I cannot learn that any thing considerable has yet been done in Pursuance of that Act. Some unforeseen Obstacles may possibly have retarded the Progress of this very desirable Work; I hope, however, they are not of such a Nature but that they may be remov'd without much Inconvenience to any of the Inhabitants, and that we shall e'er long have the Pleasure of completing what must redound so greatly to the Honour and Advantage of this Country.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

Besides providing for the due Support of Government, I have in Command from his Majesty, to signify to you that he expects and requires that you will make those Provisions for the Supply of the King's Troops in this Province, which are directed by Act of Parliament. Your known Loyalty and Zeal for his Majesty's Service render any Persuasions on this Head unnecessary.

In every Colony Controversies frequently arise wherein the Courts of Common Law cannot give Relief, and which therefore become the proper Objects of a Court of Chancery. As the Disuse of such a Court would probably be attended with Mischiefs to the Good People you represent, I have kept it open, though under very great Disadvantages to myself. There not being any Salary allow'd for the necessary Officers, and the Fees not being sufficient to make some of them even a moderate Recompence for their Trouble and Attendance, I have in vain offered divers Commissions in Chancery to such Persons as I have esteem'd qualified to execute them. I recommend this Matter to your serious Consideration, and desire that you would enable me to make a reasonable Allowance to such as I shall appoint to execute the necessary Offices in that Court, in such Manner as will be most likely to induce Persons of Knowledge and Probity to take upon them the Discharge of those important Trusts; without which it will be extremely inconvenient, if not impracticable, to receive any other Business into the Chancery, or finish what is already there.

W. FRANKLIN."

Council Chamber }

April 15. 1768. }

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

The Deputy Secretary, by Order of his Excellency, laid before the House, two extracts of Letters, the Copy of the Representation of the Board of Trade, and the repeal of the Act passed in 1766, for Supplying the Barracks; which were read.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. J. Lawrence, be a Committee, to enquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring; and of what Matters are referred to this Session of Assembly, and make report to the House.

A Petition from sundry single Men, Inhabitants of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, complaining of unequal Taxation; and praying a Law for their Relief; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Jones of Philadelphia, praying a Reward for apprehending one of the Murderers of the Indians at Moore's Town, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Judges, Justices, and Grand Jury of the County of Morris, praying a Law to permit the Freeholders of the County of Morris, to send Representatives to represent them in General Assembly, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of Bedminster and Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, praying a Law to repair Roads and Bridges in said Townships by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Robert Lettice Hooper*, jun. setting forth, that he has assigned Estate for the Use of his Creditors, and that he hath since been sued in this Province by one *Henry Cruse*, who has received his Dividend of said Estate; and praying Relief, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *George Remer*, late Sheriff of *Somerset*, now a Prisoner in the Goal of said County, praying an Act for his Relief, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *William Hewlings*, setting forth, that he is a Prisoner in the Goal of *Hunterdon* County, under particular Circumstances; and praying a Law for his Relief; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A like Petition from *Henry Dow Tripp*, a Prisoner in *Morris* County Goal; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Divers Petitions from a great Number of Prisoners for Debt, confined in the Goals of several Counties in this Province, praying Relief, &c. were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition from the Judges and Justices, and divers Freeholders in the County of *Hunterdon*, and one other Petition from *Micaiah Howe*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*; and also a Petition from the Grand Jury of the said County, setting forth the great Number, and the Distress of the Prisoners in the Goal of said County; and praying the House to pass some Law for the Relief of said Prisoners; were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition from *John Haas* and others, praying a Law for their Naturalization; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Runyon*, and Mr. *Hart*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inspect and settle all Public Accounts that may come before the House this Session, and report the same to the House.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, April 16, 1768.

The House met,

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters and Papers, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed his Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech, and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave, he reported as follows:

Resolved,

That an Humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favorable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Government be supported for one Year, from the 21st Day of May next. To which the House agreed,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Runyon*, and Mr. *Anderson*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the following Report of what Matters are referred to this Session, and of what Laws are expired, or are near expiring, viz.

Laws

Laws expired, or near expiring.

1. The Six Pound Act will expire this Session.
2. The Militia Law will expire July 1st, 1768.
3. The Act for granting a Bounty upon Flax and Hemp, and planting Mulberry-Trees, so far as relates to Hemp and Flax, will expire June 1st, 1768.

Petitions and other Matters referred.

A Bill for regulating Roads and Bridges.

A Bill for the Relief of the Poor.

A Petition for lowering the Rates of Ferriages over the Rivers *Passaick* and *Hackensack*.

A Petition from *Cornelius Brinkerboof* and others, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*.

A Petition from *Somerset County*, to resettlement the Quotas.

A Petition from the Township of *Pequanack*, for a Law to repair the Highways by Tax.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Somerset*, against the Law for settling the Line between *Middlesex* and *Somerset* Counties.

A Petition from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of *Burlington County*, for a Law empowering them to re-convey certain Lands, and to convert the upper Room of the Court-House into an Assembly-Room:

A Petition for a Law to annex Part of *Somerset* to *Essex County*.

A Petition from the County of *Somerset*, for building a new Court-House, at or near *Bound-Brook*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *R. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Van Neste*, and Mr. *Keasby*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive and amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony*, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Clement*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive the Act, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry-Trees, so far as relates to Hemp and Flax*.

The Letter from the House of Representatives of the Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*, of the 11th of *February*, 1768, relative to the Difficulties that must accrue to the Colonies on the Continent of *North-America*, by the Operation of the several Acts of Parliament, imposing Duties and Taxes on the *American Colonies*; was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, and Mr. *R. Lawrence*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Letter in Answer thereto.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*, praying a Law allowing a Reward for killing red Foxes; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose the last Session, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating and maintaining the publick Highways and Bridges within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, April 18, 1768.

The House met.

A Petition was presented from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Burlington* and *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that the Law respecting Fish, was found detrimental to the Herring-Fishery; and pray a Repeal of Part of said Law, or an additional Clause to the same for their Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions were presented from the Inhabitants of *Bergen* and *Essex* Counties, for Reasons therein set forth, praying a Law to limit the Size of Meshes of Fish Nets, &c. which were read, and ordered second Readings.

Two Petitions from *John Snook*, and others, Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

The Petition of *Josiah Banks*, praying an Allowance for Pay, and recruiting Men for the Service of the Frontiers, &c. with an Account annexed; was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Petition and Account, be referred to the Committee of Accounts, to report thereon.

A Petition was presented from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, praying a Law to repeal the Act for defraying Damages done by Dogs, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the South Ward of *Pertb-Amboy*, praying a Law for repairing the publick Highways in said Ward, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *South-Amboy* and *New-Brunswick*, praying a Law for building a Bridge where the old Bridge stood, at *South-River*, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Johnston*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition from the chosen Freeholders of the County of *Essex*, praying a Law to explain the Law respecting the Justices and Freeholders, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, John Snook, Frederick Hayn, William Stroder, Philip Bemer, John Haas, Johannes Magan, and Peter Colsher*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon the Raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony, for raising of raw Silk, so far as relates to Hemp and Flax*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Divers Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Middlesex*, *Monmouth*, *Somerset* and *Morris*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed, for striking a Paper Currency, &c. were severally read, and ordered second Readings.

The Petition of several Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, praying a Law to erect a Lottery, for finishing the Church in said Township, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition of *John Jones*, of *Philadelphia*, praying a Reward for apprehending one of the Murderers of the Indians at *Moore's-Town*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session of Assembly at *Burlington*; and that the said *John Jones*, do then give the House Proof of the Facts set forth in the said Petition.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, in the Words following.

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen,

I HEREWITH communicate to you, a Memorial from Major *Dudley Templer*; Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 26th Regiment of Foot, now quartered in this Province, representing the Necessity he was under of hiring a House at *Elizabeth-Town*; there not being an Apartment in the Barracks there, any ways suitable for the Residence of a Commanding Officer of a Regiment. His Request on this Head I think reasonable, and therefore doubt not but you will readily grant it.

I likewise lay before you an Account of the Repairs and Necessaries wanting in the Barracks of *Elizabeth-Town*, *Amboy*, and *Brunswick*; which I earnestly recommend to your Consideration; and hope you will not hesitate to make Provision for removing the Difficulties the Officers and Soldiers labour under, for Want of those Accommodations.

The General intending a Review of the Regiment, it is necessary that they should assemble together for three Weeks or a Month before, to prepare themselves. No one Barrack in the Province is sufficient to accommodate the Whole of them; but I am told, that many of the Inhabitants of *Brunswick*, have expressed a Willingness to furnish them with Quarters for that Time, provided the Assembly will allow them Billetting Money. The Major has therefore requested that I would apply to you for this Purpose. I know not what Difference it would be to the Province, in Point of Expence, between allowing them Billetting Money and furnishing them with the Necessaries required in Barracks, but I believe it would be very trivial. However, the singular good Order and Discipline observ'd by this Regiment ever since their Residence here, and their Readiness on all Occasions to oblige the Inhabitants, intitle them to your Regard, and will, I trust, induce you to gratify them in this Particular.

W. FRANKLIN."

April 18, 1768.

Which, with the Papers referred to; were ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, delivered a Draught; which was read, and amended; and on the Question, whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Dey*, from the Committee to whom it was referred, to bring in a Bill to revive and amend the Act, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony*, &c. reported, that the said Act is already continued until the first Day of July next, and from thence to the End of the next Session of General Assembly.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 19, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Clement*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon with the Address of this House.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Bedminster* and *Bridgewater*, in the County of *Somerset*, praying a Law to enable them to repair their Roads and Bridges, by a Tax, &c. were read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Van Neste*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Petition from the Owners and Proprietors of the Meadows on *Woodbury Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester, henceforth to be called the Lower Meadow Company, on Woodbury, to keep up and maintain the Dam, Banks, and other Water Works, already made, and erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary, for the more effectual draining and watering said Meadows*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Judges, Justices and Grand Jury, &c. of the County of *Morris*, praying a Law for granting Representatives for said County, &c. was read the second Time; and the House taking into Consideration the Want of Representatives in other Counties in this Colony;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill.

Mr. *Rodman* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself had waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be waited on by this House, with their Address; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in a short Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, and others*, &c. was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony*, &c. so far as relates to *Flax and Hemp*; was read the second Time; and on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from *Samuel Smith*, Esq; the Treasurer of the Western Division, informing the House, that the £.200, lent the County of *Suffex*, by a Law of this Province, was not repaid to the Treasury: That two of the Parties bound for the said Sum, are dead; and that the Survivor is very desirous that something should be done for the Recovery of the Money; and therefore desiring the Direction of the House; which the House taking into Consideration;

Ordered,

That the said Bond be delivered to the Attorney General; to prosecute.

The several Petitions from Insolvent Debtors in this Province, were read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, &c.

A Petition from *Samuel Hunt*, praying Relief for some Losses he has sustained during the late War in 1757, was read;

Ordered,

That the said Petition lie on the Table.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

By Leave of the House, Mr. *J. Lawrence* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Burlington and Hunterdon*, praying a Law to lessen the Size of Meshes of Seins, during the Herring Fishery, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, &c.

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The Petitions of the Inhabitants of *Bergen* and *Essex*, praying a Law to regulate the Size of Meshes of Fish Nets, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. Ogden and Mr. Dey, be a Committee to bring in a Bill.

Whereupon Mr. Ogden delivered in a Bill at the Table, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Fishery*, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, an Act for granting a Bounty upon the Raising of Flax and Hemp*, &c. was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Runyon,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Crane,

Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Van Nette,
Mr. Van Geisen,
Mr. J. Lawrence,
Mr. Rodman,
Mr. Borden,

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Keasby,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Hart,

Mr. R. Lawrence,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Stilwell.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasby and Mr. Clement, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Petition of a Number of Inhabitants of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*, praying a Law allowing a Reward for killing red Foxes, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of said Petition be referred to the next Sessions.

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented their Address to His Excellency in the Words following, viz.

To his Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; Captain General, and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly met, Thank your Excellency for calling us together earlier than usual, as you thereby give us an Opportunity of considering the Business referred at the last Session, and what may come before us in this, at a Season less inconvenient to our domestic Affairs.

Convinced of the Number, and unhappy Circumstances of the Prisoners confined in the several Goals in this Colony; we shall endeavour to alleviate their Distresses, by adopting such Measures for their Relief, as we hope, will not be liable to the Mischiefs that attended the late Insolvent Act.

We agree with your Excellency, that a proper Regulation of the Public Roads within this Colony, will much redound to the Advantage of the Public, and had Expectations, that the Act referred to in your Excellency's Speech, would have had the desired Effect, and answered the good Purposes thereby intended; but are sorry to find, that the Commissioners named in the Act, have not been able to draw the Lottery granted, and that

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streightning the Roads in many Places is impracticable, from the Unfitness of the Soil for Roads, and the too great Damage it would be to many of the Inhabitants; Obstacles, that at present we cannot conveniently remove.

As we have heretofore supported the Government of this Colony, and paid all due Regard to His Majesty's Requisitions, so we have taken this Part of your Excellency's Speech into Consideration, and shall make such Provision for the Support of the Government, and supplying the Troops quartered in this Colony, as are consistent with our Duty to our Constituents, and our Loyalty and Zeal for His Majesty's Service.

Whenever your Excellency shall think proper to inform us particularly, what Officers of the Court of Chancery there is any Necessity to provide for, we shall then take that Part of your Excellency's Speech into further Consideration.

April 19, 1768.

By Order of the House,

CORTLAND SKINNER, *Speaker.*

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

' *Gentlemen,*

' **I** RETURN you my Thanks for this Address: The Assurances you give me of providing for the King's Troops; and endeavouring to alleviate the Distresse of the Debtors now under Confinement, are extremely agreeable.

' A List of the Officers necessary for a regular Court of Chancery in this Province shall soon be laid before you.'

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for choosing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland, and Suffex*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 20, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *Keafby* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to Mr. *Ladd*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, praying a Law to repair their Roads by a Tax, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for choosing Representatives in the Counties of Cumberland, Morris, and Suffex, &c.* was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made fundry Amendments thereto; which he was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* reported the said Bill, and Amendments; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, whether the Bill, as amended, be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The several Petitions, for and against a Law for repairing the Publick Highways, in the Township of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, by a Tax, &c. were read the second Time;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard before the House on Wednesday next, in the Afternoon, in Support of said Petitions.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law to restrain Luxury, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Agent of this Colony, dated 10th *October*, 1767, which was ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating, and maintaining the Publick Highways and Bridges within this Colony*; was read the second time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the size of Meshes of Seins, for catching Fish from the Mouth of Rariton Northwards, in this Colony*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Crane and Mr. Hart.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives, to serve in the General Assembly, &c.* was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and was ready to report the same, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Fisher reported the said Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for choosing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Suffex &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Miller and Mr. Hart do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, April 21, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. Miller reported, that Mr. Hart and himself delivered the Bill to them intrusted, to Mr. Woodruff, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives, &c.* being read, and compared; on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Leaming, Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the North Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, praying a Law for repairing their Highways by a Tax, &c. on the Inhabitants; was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the size of Mesfies of Scius, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments; which were read; and several Amendments being made thereto; on the Question,
Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues, and Taverns;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petitions from *Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Morris and Huntendon*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed for striking a Paper Currency, &c. were read the second Time.

The House taking the same into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Crane, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Leaming, Mr. R. Lawrence and Mr. Miller, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference upon the subject Matter of the said Petitions, and report to the House; and the Speaker is requested to assist the said Committee.

Ordered,

That Mr. Johnston and Mr. Van Nefte, do wait on the Gentlemen of the Council, with a Copy of the above Minute; and desire, that they will appoint a Committee of the Council, to confer with the Committee of this House; and that they will appoint the Time and Place of Conference.

A Message from His Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, in the following words.

- ‘ A List of such Officers in Chancery for whom it is necessary to provide Salaries.
- ‘ A Master of the Rolls, and one other Master in Chancery, for one Division.
- ‘ Two Masters in Chancery for the other Division.
- ‘ A Serjeant at Arms in each Division.
- ‘ It is thought that Persons may be found to execute the Offices of Clerks, Registers, and Examiners, in Chancery, without Salaries, as the Fees allowed them are deemed sufficient for their Services.

W. FRANKLIN.’

The House adjourn’d till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, to repair their publick Highways by Hire; and to raise Money for that Purpose;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the South Ward of Perth-Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Johnston reported, that Mr. Van Nefte and himself delivered the Message to them entrusted, to Mr. Ladd, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, praying a Law to repeal the Act for defraying Damages done by Dogs, as to the said Township of *Pequanack*, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Sessions; and that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, unless some reasonable Objections be made appear.

A Petition was presented from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, setting forth, that the North and West Walls of the Barracks in said City, are very damp, and want Covering with Boards; and that
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Windows are wanting to the North, &c. and praying the House would take the same into Consideration, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester, &c. to keep up and maintain the Dam, Banks, &c. for draining and watering said Meadows, &c.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Fishery in that Part of the Eastern Division, from the Mouth of Rariton River, Northward;* being read and compared; on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Ogden*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 22, 1768.

The House met.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the North Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, for a Law to repair their Roads and Highways, by a Tax, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Rodman*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the South Ward of Perth-Amboy, &c. by a Tax, &c.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Keasby*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Bridgewater and Bedminster, &c. to repair their publick Highways by Hire, &c.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House taking into Consideration the Operations of the late Acts of Parliament, imposing Duties on the Colonies for the Purposes of raising a Revenue.

Resolved,

That this House will go into a Committee of the whole House thereupon.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Business to them referred, and come to one Resolution; which he was ready to report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* reported as follows:

Resolved,

That a humble, dutiful, and loyal Petition be presented to His Majesty, humbly beseeching him to take the distressed Condition of the Colonies in general, and this in particular, into his paternal Consideration; and therein making such Representations to His Majesty, as may best tend to obtain Redress from the Laws complained of. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Cooper*; Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of said Petition; and Mr. Speaker is desired to assist the said Committee.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, in Answer to their Message of Yesterday, by Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Van Neste*, that Mr. *Ogden*, Lord *Stirling*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Parker*, or any Three or more of them, are appointed a Committee from the Council, to meet the Committee of this House, in a free Conference on the subject Matter of the foregoing Message; and that Five o'Clock this Afternoon, in the Council Chamber, is appointed as the Time and Place of said Conference.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from divers of the Claimers of the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, praying a Law to revive the Act for appointing Commissioners, &c. was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns*; was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Crane*.

Mr. *Anderson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Borden*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to build a Bridge over South-River, in the County of Middlesex*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, April 23, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *Rodman*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the Publick Roads in the South Ward of Perth-Amboy, &c. by a Tax, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments; and several Amendments being made thereto; on the Question, whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative.

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Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,

Mr. *Rodman*,
Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Keasbey*,
Mr. *Hart*,

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Van Neste*,
Mr. *Van Gieson*,

Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Stikwell*.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the lower Meadows on Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester, &c. to keep up and maintain the Dam, Banks, &c. for the more effectually draining and watering said Meadows*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Clement, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns*, was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments; and several Amendments being made thereto by the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wetherill, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the subject Matter of several Petitions for striking Bills of Credit, to be issued on Loan, reported, that the Committee of both Houses had accordingly met, and after long Conference, were unanimously of Opinion, as well from the Reasons assigned in the said Petitions, as their own Knowledge of the Situation of the Inhabitants of this Colony, that a Paper Currency is necessary to be emitted.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means to issue Bills of Credit, and a Fund to sink the same: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and came to one Resolution; which he was ready to report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Fisher made the following Report:

Resolved,

That a Bill be brought in for striking £.100,000, in Paper Bills of Credit, &c. and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Keasby,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Van Neste,	Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Stilwell.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Van Geison,	Mr. Cooper,	Who voted to postpone
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Rodman,	Mr. Clement,	the Bill for the present.
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hart.		

Ordered,

That Mr. Leaming, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Crane, and Mr. R. Lawrence, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, April 25, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster, &c. to repair their publick Highways, by Tax, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads, in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, by a Tax, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Borden,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Runyon,	Mr. Clement.
Mr. R. Lawrence,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Keasby,	Mr. Van Neste,	
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Stilwell,	Mr. Van Geison,	
Mr. J. Lawrence,	Mr. Hart.		
Mr. Rodman,			

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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Ordered;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Petition from *Nicholas Ott*, praying a Law for his Naturalization; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the two Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition from *John Budd*, for Reasons therein set forth, praying a Law to free him from Arrest, till he can settle and accommodate his Affairs, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting Mulberry Trees in this Colony, so far as relates to Flax and Hemp*; have passed the Council without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to build a Bridge over South-River, in the County of Middlesex*; was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*; and also on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating and maintaining the publick Highways and Bridges within this Colony*.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred; and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 26, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, an Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, &c.* was committed, reported the same with several Amendments; and several Amendments being made thereto by the House; on the Question,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to build a Bridge over South-River, in the County of Middlesex*; being read and compared; on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House, according to Order; resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes*; and also, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating and maintaining the publick Highways and Bridges within this Colony*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bills to them referred, and was ready to report the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony*, with Amendments; and desired Leave to sit again.

Whereupon, with Leave, Mr. *Fisher* reported the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts, &c. with Amendments*; which being read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Question, whether the House agree to the Amendments, or not? It passed in the Negative.

Thereupon the said Bill being amended in the House; on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same, as now amended, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair and amend the publick Roads and Streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth-Amboy, &c. by a Tax, &c.* was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Dey*, be added to the Committee of Accounts.

The House adjourn'd till Three o'Clock P. M.

The House met.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating and maintaining the publick Highways in this Colony*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred; and had come to a Resolution, that the said Bill do lie on the Table. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Nicholas Ott*, praying a Law for his Naturalization; was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill.

Whereupon Mr. *Hart*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Lawrence*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to alter the Mode of trying of Slaves for Felony and other capital Crimes.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, April 27, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair and amend the publick Roads and Streets in the North Ward of the City of Perth-Amboy, &c. by a Tax, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hart and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bills to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott;* was read the second Time; on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Hart reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Upon reading a Petition from the Counties of *Essex* and *Morris*, presented to the last Sessions, praying that the Rates of Ferriages over the Rivers *Passaick* and *Hackin-sack*, might be lowered; it was ordered, and the Petitioners had Leave given to bring in a Bill at this Session; and it now being suggested to this House, that the Rates of other Ferries in this Colony, want Regulation by Law;

Ordered,

That the bringing in said Bill be referred to the next Session of Assembly; when the House will take into Consideration the Rates taken at the several Ferries in this Colony.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of *New-Jersey*, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Parties for and against a Law for repairing the publick Highways in the Township of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, by a Tax, &c. attending; and being desirous to be heard, were called in, and fully heard: Whereupon the House having taken the several Proofs and Allegations of both Parties into Consideration; a Debate arising thereon; on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petitioners for a Bill to repair the Roads, &c. by Tax, be granted? It was carried in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Rodman,

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Van Geislen,

Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Borden,

Mr. Runyon,

Mr. Dey,

Mr. R. Lawrence,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Stilwell.

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Hart

Mr. J. Lawrence,

Mr. Keasley,

Mr. Van Neste,

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. Fisher, be a Committee to bring in a Bill.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Ladd, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for choosing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Suffex, &c.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly of the Colony of New-Jersey.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Fishery, within that Part of the Eastern Division of this Colony, from the Mouth of Rariton River Northward.* The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester, &c.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, &c.* have all passed the Council, without any Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder, and other capital Crimes; and to repeal so much of an Act, entitled, an Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequannock, in the County of Morris, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Ogden, acquainting the House, that the Council had passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns,* without any Amendment: And also that they have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same;* with several Amendments thereto annexed; and desired the Concurrence of the House; and delivered the said Bill with the Amendments at the Table: Whereupon the Bill being read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors;* was read the second Time; on the Question;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, April 28, 1768.

The House met.

The Petition of Jabez Rogers, setting forth, that he is much aggrieved relative to Pay for his Services; having been taken Prisoner when in the Service of the Province; and praying Relief, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott;* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Rodman and Mr. Van Gieson, to carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Rodman reported, that Mr. Van Gieson and himself delivered the Bill to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Parker, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to build a Bridge over South River, in the County of Middlesex;* the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, &c.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair and amend the publick Roads and Streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth Amboy, &c.* have passed the Council without any Amendment.

The Petition from the Corporation of Perth Amboy, setting forth the Dampness of the North and East Walls of the Barracks in that Place, &c. was read the second Time.

The House taking the same into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Hart, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Rodman, be a Committee, to confer with the Magistrates of Perth Amboy, and view, and make report to this House of the State of said Barracks.

His Excellency's Message of the 18th Instant, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, be a Committee, to draw the Draught of an Answer to his Excellency's said Message.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony for the Trial of small Causes*; being read and compared, on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repair the Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, by a Tax, &c.* being read and compared;

Resolved,

That the same, as now amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder, and other capital Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating Slaves, as relates to their Trial for Murder and Felony*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Keasby*.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequannock, &c. to repair their publick Highways by Hire, &c.* was read the second Time; on the Question, whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *R. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *J. Lawrence*,
Mr. *Rodman*,

Y E A S,

Mr. *Borden*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Keasby*,
Mr. *Leaming*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Van Neste*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Van Geison*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Silwell*,
Mr. *Hart*,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed,

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 29, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himself delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Committee, to whom it was referred to view the State of the Barracks in *Perth-Amboy*, reported, That it is necessary for the Preservation of the Barracks, that the North-side, and East-end should be weatherboarded; and, that it is necessary for the Preservation of the Health of the Troops quartered in said Barracks, that a Window should be made in Twenty-four Rooms in the Barracks; that the Windows should be about twenty Inches by thirty Inches square; the Expence of which, we judge will be about

And the Expence of weather-boarding the Barracks as above, }
will be about

£. 20. : 00 : 00.

60. : 00. : 00.

Making in the whole

£. 80. : 00. : 00.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Pequannock, in the County of Morris, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, to carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition was presented from sundry Persons, for Reasons therein set forth, praying, that *Joseph Stout* may not be discharged from Confinement by any Act of the Legislature, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Robert Lettice Hooper*, jun. setting forth, that he has assigned his Estate for the Use of his Creditors, and has since been sued by *Henry Cruse*, one of his Creditors in this Province, &c. and praying Relief; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioner.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Message from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary, in the following Words.

' The Governor lays before the House sundry Letters and Papers, which he has just received from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillsborough*, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; and desires the House will enable him to transmit to His Lordship, a complete Collection of the Laws of this Colony, to be laid before His Majesty, as requested in His Lordship's Letter, N^o. 2.

Which Letters and Papers were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, April 30, 1768.

The House met.

The Petition of *Jabez Rogers*, setting forth, that he is much aggrieved, &c. having been taken Prisoner when in the Service of the Province, &c. was read the second Time. And the said *Jabez Rogers* attending, and being desirous to be heard in support of said Petition, was called in, and heard; and it appearing to this House, that he was a Soldier in the Regiment in the Pay of this Province, and taken at *Oswego*, &c. on the Question, what Sum shall be allowed him for Pay, &c. during his Captivity, it was carried for £. 40 : 08. : 00.

Ordered,

That he be allowed that Sum accordingly.

Mr.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper, jun.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current £.100,000. in Bills of Credit*; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and made several Amendments thereto; which, with the Amendments, they were ready to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fisher* reported the said Bill and Amendments in their Places; which said Bill, with the Amendments in their Places, being read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other capital Crimes, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments; and several Amendments being made thereto, by the House, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, May 2, 1768.

The House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper, jun.* was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; being read and compared; on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Van Neste*, do carry the said Bills to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 3, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Van Neste* and himself delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House: Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Proffers in the Bill to them referred; and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Pequannock, &c. to repair their Roads, &c.* had passed the Council without Amendment; and that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties, for the Trial of small Causes,*
hath

hath passed the Council, with several Amendments thereto annexed, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and delivered the said Bill and Amendments at the Table; which being read in their Places;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do wait on the Council, and inform them, that this House agree to the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh Amendments; but disagree to the Third and Sixth Amendments, and in them Parts adhere to the Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *J. Lawrence* and himself delivered the Bill and Message to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for the Support of Government; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and came to several Resolutions; which by Leave he reported as follows;

Resolved,

That in and by the said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq; *Twelve Hundred Pounds*; to commence from the 21st Day of this Instant *May*; and on the Question, whether the House agree to said Sum? It passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Runyon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Geison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Lawrence</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stilwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Rodman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> ,	Who voted for £.1000.-
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,		

To the Honourable *Frederick Smyth*, Esq; Chief Justice of the said Colony, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, to commence from the 21st Day of this Instant *May*; and on the Question, whether the House agree to the said Sum or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Runyon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Geison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasly</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Lawrence</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Rodman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stilwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Borden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hart</i> ,	Who voted for £.100:
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		

To the Honourable *Charles Read*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st Day of this Instant *May*. To which the House agreed.

To the Honourable *John Berrien*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of this Instant *May*. To which the House agreed.

To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of this Instant *May*. To which the House agreed.

To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of *May* Instant. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Reed*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, to commence from the 21st of this Instant *May*. To which the House agreed.

To *Henry Wilmott*, Esq; appointed Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To *Joseph Warrell*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door Keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

To his Excellency *William Franklin, Esq;* *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House Rent; provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington*, the Place of his Residence.

To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time aforesaid, *Six Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To *Jonathan Deare*, one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; also *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. And to the said *Jonathan Deare*, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Business of this Session. To which the House agreed.

To the Secretary, for copying Laws to send Home, during the Continuance of this Act, *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit. To which the House agreed.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sums as *John Johnston*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Wetherill*, *Abraham Van Neste*, and *John Ogden*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the same. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Serjeant at Arms, who shall attend the House of Representatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being, who shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and six pence per Diem*, To which the House agreed.

To *John Johnston, Esq;* £. 30 : 3 : 0, to pay for Chairs and Tables for the Assembly and Council Rooms, Fire-wood, and a Chest to hold the Books and Papers.

To *John Carty*, for Expences in going Expresses to convene the Council and House of Assembly, the Sum of *Fifteen pounds*.

To *Jabez Rogers*, in full of his Wages, as a Soldier in the *New-Jersey* Regiment, and in Consideration of his being taken Prisoner and carried to *England*, l. 40 : 8 : 0.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Council do recede from the Third and Sixth Amendments, by them made to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties for the Trial of small Causes*.

Ordered,

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to John Blanchard, one of the Barrack-Masters at Elizabeth-Town,*
To sundry Disbursements for the Barracks, as per Vouchers, - - - - - £. 587 : 11 : 11

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Rodman*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners, for supplying the Barracks, &c. Whereupon Mr. *J. Lawrence* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners for Supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, May 4, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper, jun.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Message to His Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 18th of *April* last; delivered a Draught; which was read; and being amended in the House.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for Supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Cornelius Hetfield, one of the former Barrack-Masters, at Elizabeth-Town,*

To the Amount of his Account from June 2, 1763, to June 2, 1765,	- - - -	£. 10 : 0 : 7
To two Year's Salary, from June 2, 1763, to June 2, 1765, at which Time	- - - -	- 20 : 0 : 0
Mr. <i>Blanchard</i> was appointed in his room,	}	

£. 30 : 0 : 7

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the Account and Vouchers of Mr. Hetfield, and do find there is due to him £. 30 : 0 : 7

Perth-Amboy, May 3, 1768.

N.B. Mr. Hetfield produced a Receipt from Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer, for the full Ballance of his Account, as settled June 2. 1763.

JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN HART.

Contra

Cr.

1767, Sept. 5. By Cash he received of Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,	- - -	£. 500 : 00 : 00
Ballance due to Mr. <i>Blanchard</i> ,	- - -	87 : 11 : 11

£. 587 : 11 : 11

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined Mr. John Blanchard's Account and Vouchers relative thereto, and do find a Ballance due to him from the Government, of Eighty-seven Pounds, eleven shillings and eleven pence.

Perth-Amboy, April 27, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
REUNE RUNYON.
JOHN HART.

Dr.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey to Hendrick Fisher, Esq; one of the Barrack-Masters for New-Brunswick,*

To sundry Disbursements for the Barracks, as per his Vouchers,	£. 499 : 12 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash he paid sundry People for billeting Soldiers, while the whole Regiment was at <i>Brunswick</i> , in the Year 1767,	66 : 06 : 03
To Cash he paid <i>Reuben Runyon</i> , the other Barrack-Master,	24 : 00 : 00
To Cash he paid Ditto.	75 : 00 : 00
To his Salary, as Barrack Master from July 1, 1765, to May 1, 1768, at £. 10, per Annum, two Years and ten Months,	28 : 06 : 08
	<hr/> £. 693 : 05 : 09 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey to Robert Ogden, Esq; one of the Barrack-Masters at Elizabeth-Town,*

To sundry Disbursements, that would have been included in his last Settlement in 1763, but was rejected at that Time for want of proper Vouchers,	£. 30 : 15 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
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We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of Robert Ogden, Esq; and do find the Sum of £. 30 : 15 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ due to him from the Government.

Perth-Amboy, April 28, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to John Arrison, Paymaster and Victualler of the Troops upon the Frontiers,*

To sundry Disbursements, as per his Vouchers,	£. 4438 : 16 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash return'd to <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq; Treasurer, at several Times,	250 : 05 : 9
To Cash paid Ditto, per Receipt,	58 : 14 : 0
To Cash returned to <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treasurer, per Receipt,	48 : 00 : 0
Ballance due to the Government,	209 : 00 : 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/> £. 5004 : 16 : 0

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined Mr. John Arrison's Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and do find a Ballance due to the Government, of Two hundred and nine pounds, and one penny half-penny.

JOS. BORDEN,
HENDRICK FISHER,
JOHN HART.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Samuel Serjant, one of the Barrack-Masters at Perth-Amboy,*

To the Amount of his Disbursement for the Barracks, as per his Vouchers, his Salary included, to March 17, 1768,	£. 870 : 3 : 5 $\frac{1}{4}$
To a Ballance due to him last Settlement, in 1763,	3 : 0 : 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ballance due to the Government,	35 : 4 : 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	<hr/> £. 908 : 8 : 2

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the Account and Vouchers relative thereto, of Mr. Samuel Serjant, and do find a Ballance due to the Government, of

£. 35 : 4 : 2 $\frac{1}{4}$

Perth-Amboy, April 27, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
THO. RODMAN,

N. B. Mr. Serjant says, there is about £. 6 : 0 : 0, outstanding, for Goods sold belonging to the Barracks.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Reuben Runyon, one of the Barrack-Masters at New-Brunswick.*

To a Mistake in his last Settlement, reported in June, 1767.	£. 20 : 12 : 00
To Commissions from July 1, 1765, to May 1, 1768, two Year and ten Months, at £. 10 per Annum,	28 : 06 : 08
To sundry Disbursements for the Barracks, from July 1, 1765, to May 1, 1768,	279 : 17 : 11
	<hr/> £. 328 : 16 : 07

N. B. Mr. Runyon had contracted for a considerable Quantity of Wood, which was not included in this Account, as it was not paid for when he had this Account settled.

<i>from July 1, 1765, to April 27, 1768.</i>		Contra	Cr.
By Cash he received of <i>Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,</i>	- - - -	£: 100 : 00 : 0	
By Cash he received for Goods sold belonging to the Barracks,	- - - -	20 : 10 : 2	
By Cash he received of <i>Stephen Skinner,</i>	- - - -	350 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto received of Ditto,	- - - -	150 : 00 : 0	
Ballance due to <i>Mr. Fisher,</i>	- - - -	72 : 15 : 7½	
			£. 693 : 05 : 9½

N.B. *Mr. Fisher says, there is a Sum of Money yet outstanding for Goods sold belonging to the Barracks. We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the Account and Vouchers of Hendrick Fisher, Esq; and do find a Ballance due to Mr. Fisher, of Seventy-two Pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence half-penny.*

Perth-Amboy, April 27, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN HART.

Contra

Cr.

<i>in the Year 1764.</i>		Contra	Cr.
By Cash he received of <i>Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,</i>	- - - -	£. 1200 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, received of Ditto.	- - - -	800 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, received of Ditto,	- - - -	500 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, received of Ditto,	- - - -	754 : 16 : 0	
By Ditto, received of Ditto,	- - - -	1000 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, received of <i>Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,</i>	- - - -	750 : 00 : 00	
			£. 5004 : 16 : 00

<i>from June 3, 1763, to April 27, 1768.</i>		Contra	Cr.
By Cash he receiv'd of <i>Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,</i>	- - - -	£. 6 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	59 : 17 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	200 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	50 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	50 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	50 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	50 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	50 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	109 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto,	- - - -	141 : 00 : 0	
By Ditto, of Ditto, for which he gave his Note, and the Treasurer is now desired to give it up,	- - - -	90 : 00 : 0	
By 1 Piece of Blankets more than wanted for the Barracks,	- - - -	6 : 18 : 5¼	
By 2 Bushels of Lime more than was used for the Barracks,	- - - -	0 : 02 : 0	
By sundry Utensils sold, belonging to the Barracks,	- - - -	45 : 10 : 8½	
			£. 908 : 08 : 2

<i>Contra</i>		Cr.
By Cash he owed the Government, as per his Account settled June, 1767.	- -	£. 141 : 11 : 5
By Cash he received of <i>Mr. Fisher,</i>	- -	24 : 00 : 0
By Cash he received of Ditto,	- -	75 : 00 : 0
By Cash he received for Barrack Furniture and Wood,	- -	33 : 06 : 0
Ballance due to <i>Reuben Runyon,</i>	- -	54 : 19 : 2
		£. 328 : 16 : 7

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have carefully examined the Account and Vouchers of Mr. Reuben Runyon, and find a Ballance due to Mr. Runyon of £. 54 : 19 : 2

Perth-Amboy, May 3, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN HART.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, in Account with Thomas Skinner, one of the Barrack-Masters, from To fundries expended, as per Vouchers and Account render'd in Proclamation Money, £.763:12:1*

N. B. Thomas Skinner *alleges he trusted William Callender for eight Cord of Wood, which he has not yet received.*

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, do report; that we have examined the Vouchers relating to the foregoing Account; and find a Ballance of Eighty three pounds and two pence one farthing, Proclamation Money, due to Thomas Skinner from the Province.

April 29, 1768.

JOHN LAWRENCE.
THO. RODMAN,
THEUNIS DEY.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Stevens*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes, &c.* without any Amendment; and that they have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, with two Amendments thereunto annexed, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and delivered the said Bill and Amendments at the Table; which being read in their Places;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *Dey*, do wait on the Council, and inform them, that this House agrees to the first Amendment, but disagrees to the second, and in that Part adheres to the Bill.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himself, delivered the Message to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens*, acquainting the House, that the Council having considered the Message of this House, respecting the second Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; they do recede from the said second Amendment.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Council's first Amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper, jun.* with an Amendment thereto annexed, and desire the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendment; which being read, with the Amendment in its Place; on the Question.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Council's Amendment, be engrossed.

With Leave, Mr. *J. Lawrence* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts, from Joint-Partners within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, May 5, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Stilwell*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper, jun.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The

the 15th of March, 1763, to the 29th of April, 1768.

Contra

Cr.

By fundry Sums received of <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq; Treasurer, Proclamation Money,	£. 630:03:0
By a Ballance due to the Province, as per Settlement in 1763,	39:06:1
By five Cord of Wood sold the Indians,	4:05:8 $\frac{1}{2}$
By eight Cord of Ditto, sold <i>William Candler</i> ;	6:17:1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Proclamation Money,	£. 680:11:10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ballance due to <i>Thomas Skinner</i> ,	83:00:02 $\frac{1}{4}$
	£. 763:12:01

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; being read, and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Message to His Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 18th of April last, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House; and is as follows.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Runyon*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, That this House having taken his Excellency's Message of the 18th Ult. into Consideration, with the Papers sent therewith, cannot join with his Excellency, in thinking it reasonable for the Colony to be at the Expence of hiring a separate House for the Commanding Officer of the Regiment stationed in this Colony: And beg Leave to observe to his Excellency, that this Colony has been at a great Expence in building Barracks for the Reception of such of His Majesty's Troops, as may at any Time be stationed therein; with Apartments for the Officers; which, during the late War were found sufficient, and no Complaint made. It is therefore a Matter of Surprize and Concern to this House, to be called upon to make Provision of that Sort, at a Time when the Colony is labouring under heavy Burdens contracted in the late War, and very considerable Sums annually expended in supporting His Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony. That, by the Barrack Master's Accounts, and other Informations receiv'd, it appears to this House, that the Barracks are kept in such Order, as to answer the Purposes for which they were intended; and that the Troops are carefully supply'd with such Necessaries as have been heretofore usual. That this House will pay Attention to the State of the Barracks, and provide for such Repairs as appear to them necessary. That, whenever a Review of the Regiment quartered in this Colony, may be thought necessary by the General, this House cannot think it any Part of their Duty, to make any Provision for the Expence attending it.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Stikwell*, and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties for the Trial of small Causes*; being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Lawrence* and Mr. *Borden*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

The

*The Province of New-Jersey, to Hendrick Fisher, Esq; Paymaster to the New-Jersey Regiment, } Dr.
for the Month of November, 1762.*

1766, July 5. To Cash paid one Serjeant and two private Soldiers, per Vouchers, - -	£. 6 : 02 : 0
Aug. 16. To Cash paid Richard Reily, a Soldier, per Voucher, - - - -	1 : 13 : 6
	<hr/> £. 7 : 15 : 6

Perth-Amboy, May 5, 1768 *We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.*

JOHN JOHNSTON,
JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,

Mr. *R. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Borden* and himself, delivered the engrossed Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from Joint-Partners, &c.* being read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Treasurers having laid before the House the Duplicates from the several Counties.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Clement*, be a Committee to inspect the same, and report to the House thereon.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *J. Lawrence*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himself delivered the Message to them entrusted, to his Excellency.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks in the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from Joint-Partners, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Borden* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Duplicates of the Taxes returned to this Session, reported, that they had examined the same, and find that they are in general so irregularly made, that this House cannot proceed to settle the Quotas of the several Counties; and therefore beg Leave to recommend that an Act be passed, enforcing the Act entitled, *An Act for levying a Fund at different Periods, &c.* under proper Penalties, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *J. Lawrence*, be a Committee, for that Purpose.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondence, do collect all the printed Laws of this Province, and deliver the same to His Excellency, to be transmitted to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillsborough*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Lawrence* and Mr. *Runyon*, do wait on His Excellency, and, in Answer to his Message of the 29th of *April*, inform him, That the Request made by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillsborough* shall be complied with; for which Purpose this House hath appointed a Committee to collect the printed Laws of this Colony to the present Sessions; which will, as soon as possible, be delivered to His Excellency, to transmit to His Lordship; But that, at the same Time, this House is not a little surprized at the Request, as they well know, that Transcripts of all the Laws passed in this Colony, since the Surrender of the Government, have been regularly transmitted under the Great Seal of the said Colony to the Lords of Trade and Plantations.

Mr. *Borden* reported, that Mr. *Lawrence* and himself, delivered the Bills to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, laid before the House the Draught of a Petition to his Majesty; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondence, do prepare, and lay before the House, the Draught of a Letter to the Agent, particularly directing him, as well upon the Subject of the Petition to his Majesty, as to the Restraints on Paper Currency, and other Matters relative to the Acts of this Colony transmitted to the Board of Trade, for His Majesty's Assent.

The House taking into Consideration, the Note at the Foot of the Account delivered in by *Stephen Crane*, Esq; and reported in *June*, 1766.

Ordered,

That Affidavits taken before the Attorney General, relative to the Charge of £. 135 : 18 : 9, for which the said *Stephen Crane* prayed an Allowance, be laid before the next Session of Assembly; and that the Remainder of the Ballance be in the mean time paid.

Mr. *T. Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually Compelling the Assessors within the several Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony, to return complete and exact Duplicates of their respective Assessments*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 6, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. *R. Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himself, delivered the Message to them entrusted, to His Excellency.

The Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, and referred from the last Session to this, was now read.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sessions of Assembly.

The Petition from divers of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law to restrain Luxury, &c. was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be referred for further Consideration.

The Petition of divers of the Claimers of the Common Lands, allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, &c. was read the second Time.

And it appearing to the House, that requisite Notice of this Application was not given,

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Session of Assembly; and that in the mean Time the Petitioners, or some of them, do give the Notice required on Applications of this Kind.

The Petition of *John Budd*, for Reasons therein set forth, praying a Law to free him from Arrest till he can settle and accommodate his Affairs, &c. was read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly.

The House being informed, that there is a Quantity of Gun Powder and Lead, left in the Care of *John Roscrants*, Esq; in the County of *Sussex*, and also a Number of Fire-Arms in the Hands of *David Gano*, at *New-Brunswick*, belonging to the Province; and, as no Account of these Matters was given in Time, to make Provision for the Sale of them; and that they may not be totally lost to the Province.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Van Neste*, do apply to the said *Roscrants* and *Gano*, for the same, and as soon as conveniently may be, make Sale thereof, and of the Fire-Arms said to be in the Hands of *Jonathan Hampton*, and account therefor to the next Sessions of General Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Clement* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence to this Resolution.

Mr. *Crane* laid before the House, a Letter from Mr. *Jonathan Hampton*, informing, that his bad State of Health will not permit him to attend and settle his Accounts; and requesting, that a Committee be appointed to examine and report the same to the next Sessions.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Crane*, or any three of them, be a Committee to examine the said Accounts, and report the same to the next Sessions of Assembly.

Mr. *Borden*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, reported, that they have examined Capt. *Josiah Banks*, touching his Demand on the Government; that he received his Commission in the Year, 1764; that he is entitled to Captain's Wages, and that he has received of Mr. *John Irriison*, in Part of his Pay, £. 49.--- That as to the Levy Money he demands, they cannot determine at present; but, whenever he shall make it appear to one of the Muster-Masters appointed by Law, that he actually recruited so many Men, then he will be intitled to his Pay for that Service.

Mr.

Dr. <i>The Province of New-Jersey, to Matthias Williamson, Muster-Master,</i>				
1764.	April 10.	To Cash paid Capt. <i>Elias Dayton</i> , per Receipt,	-	£. 399:00:0
	29.	To Ditto paid Ditto, per Ditto,	-	111:18:0
		To Ditto paid Ditto, per Ditto,	-	11:00:0
1765.	Jan. 10.	To Ditto paid Ditto, per Ditto,	-	5:14:0
				£. 527:12:0
To Commissions at One per Cent.				5:05:6
				£. 532:17:6
Ballance due to the Province,				37:02:6
				£. 570:00:0

Mr. Runyon reported, that Mr. Clement and himself, delivered the Message to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Draught of a Petition to His Majesty, was read the second Time, and amended.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually Compelling the Assessors within the several Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony, to return exact and complete Duplicates, &c.* was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. J. Lawrence, with Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to compel the several Officers of the Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony, to deliver to their Successors in Offices, the Laws put in their Hands for the Use of the said Cities, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually compelling the Assessors within the several Cities, &c. to return exact and complete Duplicates, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stilwell, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to compel the several Officers of Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony, &c.* being read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Fisher reported, that Mr. Stilwell and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to compel the several Officers of the Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony, to deliver to their Successors in Office the Laws, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Gieson and Mr. Keasby, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Rodman, from the Committee of publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

<i>Per Contra</i>		Cr.
1764. April 2.	By Cash received from Stephen Skinner, Esq;	
26.	By Ditto received from Samuel Smith, Esq;	
		£. 450:0:0
		120:0:0
		£. 570:0:0

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, having examined the above Account, and Vouchers relative thereto, do report the same as above stated.

Perth-Amboy, May 6, 1768.

REUNE RUNYON,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN HART.

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Uzal Ogden, Muster-Master in the New-Jersey Regiment, 1761.*

1761. June 4.	To Cash, per Vouchers,	-	-	-	-	£. 1404:15:0
	To Commissions at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent,	-	-	-	-	21:01:3
1762. May 12.	To Cash paid per Vouchers,	-	-	-	-	1358:11:0
1766.	To Commissions at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent,	-	-	-	-	20:07:0
Ballance due to the Province,						£. 2804:14:3
						188:06:9
						£. 2993:01:0

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Keasby* and himself, delivered the Bill to them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

As several Sums of Money appear to be due to the Province on Settlement of Accounts.

Ordered,

That the Treasurers in the several Divisions do demand the same; and if the Balances of the said Accounts, or any of them, remain unpaid on the first Day of *November* next, that the said Treasurers do deliver the said Accounts to the Attorney General to prosecute, unless sufficient Security is given for the Payment of the same, in Six Months thereafter.

The

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to Daniel Hart, one of the Muster-Masters for the Year 1764.*

To sundry Disbursements as per his Vouchers, for Capt. Goryell's Company,	-	-	-	-	£. 499:04:00
To his Commissions at 1 per Cent,	-	-	-	-	4:19:10
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					£. 504:03:10

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on public Accounts, have examined the Account, and Vouchers of Mr. Daniel Hart, deceased, and do find a Ballance to the Estate of Mr. Hart, Four pounds three shillings and ten pence.

Perth-Amboy, May 7, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN JOHNSTON.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 7, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Petition to His Majesty, was read; and being amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Petition to His Majesty, being read and compared, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows;

" Most Gracious Sovereign,

" WE Your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Representatives of Your Colony of New-Jersey, confiding in Your Majesty's paternal Affection for Your People, humbly implore Permission to approach the Throne, and to present our Supplications in Behalf of ourselves and our Constituents, Your Majesty's faithful and afflicted Subjects.

" Before

<i>Contra</i>				<i>Cr.</i>
1761.	May 7.	By Cash of Andrew Johnston, Esq;	-	£. 1220:04:0
	June 19.	By Cash of Ditto,	-	210:00:0
1762.	April 16.	By Cash of Andrew Johnston, Esq;	-	1494:10:0
	Nov. 23.	By Cash of Stephen Skinner, Esq;	-	68:07:0
				<u>£. 2993:01:0</u>

We the Subscribers, three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relative thereto, and report the same as above stated.

Perth-Amboy, May 5, 1768.

REUNE RUNYON,
THO. RODMAN,
JOHN HART.

The Committee of Correspondence reported, that they had made some Progress in the Draught of a Letter to the Agent; but find they cannot complete the same, until they examine the late Agent's Letters, which are at *Burlington*, without which they cannot give such Directions to the present Agent as they judge will be necessary.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do defer the finishing the said Letter, until they have an Opportunity to inspect the said late Agent's Letters; and, that they then instruct the present Agent, in the fullest and amplest Manner.

Mr. *Borden*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report, To which the House agreed.

<i>Contra</i>				<i>Cr.</i>
By Cash he received of Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer,	-	-	-	£. 500:0:00
Ballance due to Mr. Hart's Estate,	-	-	-	4:3:10
				<u>£. 504:3:10</u>

“ Before that happy Period, in which the Empire of the British Dominions, was, by the Favour of divine Province, for the Felicity of these Dominions, and of *Europe* in general, established in Your illustrious House; our Ancestors, with the Consent of the Crown, removed from their native Land, then abounding in all Blessings, but that perfect Security of Liberty, and that merciful Spirit of Administration, which render Your Royal Family so justly dear to Your remotest Subjects; and ventured with their helpless Relatives, through a vast Ocean, and trusted themselves with their tender Companions to the inhospitable and unknown Wilderness of this new World; the Horrors of which no Consideration could render tolerable, but the Prospect of enjoying here that compleat Freedom, which Britons never thought could be purchased at too great a Price.

“ The Subjects thus emigrating, brought with them, as inherent in their Persons, all the Rights and Liberties of natural-born Subjects within the Parent State: In Consequence of these, a Government was formed, under which they have been constantly exercised and enjoyed by the Inhabitants, and repeatedly and solemnly recognized and confirmed by Your Royal Predecessors, and the Legislature of *Great-Britain*.

“ One of these Rights and Liberties, vested in the People of this Colony, is the Privilege of being exempt from any Taxations, but such as is imposed on them by themselves, or by their Representatives; and this they esteem so invaluable, that they are fully persuaded, no other can exist without it.

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" Your Majesty's signal Distinction is, that You reign over Freemen, and Your peculiar Glory, that You reign in such a Manner, that Your Subjects, the Disposers of their own Property, are ready and willing whenever Your Service calls upon them, with their Lives and Fortunes, to assert Your Cause.

" Your People of this Colony, who share in the Blessings flowing from Your Wisdom and Virtue, most gratefully sensible of their Obligation to so excellent a Prince, humbly hope they never have been deficient in duly acknowledging them: Whenever it has been necessary that Supplies should be levied within this Colony; Requisitions by your Majesty, or by your Royal Predecessors, conformable to the Rights and Liberties of this Your People, have been made, and by them loyally and liberally complied with.

" We beseech Your Majesty to do them the Justice to believe, that they can never fail on any future Occasion, to demonstrate their Devotion to Your Majesty; nor can they resign, without unutterable Shame and Grief, the Honour and Satisfaction of voluntarily and cheerfully expressing in the strongest Manner their Circumstances will admit, their unfeigned Affection for Your Majesty's Person, their distinguished Duty to Your Government, and their inflexible Resolution to maintain Your Authority, and defend your Dominions.

" Penetrated with these Sentiments, this Your People, with the utmost Concern and Anxiety, observe, that Duties have been lately imposed on them by Parliament, for the sole and express Purposes of raising a Revenue: This is a Taxation upon them, from which they conceive they ought to be protected, by the acknowledged Principles of the Constitution, that Freemen cannot be legally taxed but by themselves, or by their Representatives; and that they are represented in Parliament, they not only cannot allow, but are convinced, that from their local Circumstances they never can be.

Very

Dr. *The Colony of New-Jersey, to John Ogden and Theunis Dey, Esqrs, for billeting the King's Troops*

To Cash paid <i>Sarah Thomas</i> , per Voucher,	- - - - -	£. 19 : 19 : 04
To Cash paid sundry People, per Ditto,	- - - - -	256 : 16 : 11
To Cash paid <i>Robert Ogden</i> , Esq; for billeting Major <i>Cary</i> , per Voucher,	- - - - -	9 : 00 : 00
To Ditto paid sundry People, per Ditto,	- - - - -	78 : 03 : 06
To their Commissions at <i>Five per Cent.</i>	- - - - -	18 : 03 : 11
To Expenses in keeping <i>Richard Fenimore</i> , a sick Soldier,	- - - - -	7 : 13 : 05
To Cash they returned to <i>Stephen Skinner</i> , Esq; Treasurer, per his Receipt <i>April 1, 1768,</i>	- - - - -	86 : 15 : 02
		£. 476 : 12 : 03
Ballance due to the Government,	- - - - -	23 : 07 : 09
		£. 500 : 00 : 00

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do appoint *James Parker* to print the Minutes and Votes of this House, being first examined and signed by the Speaker; and that he print 450 Sets of the Votes of this House, and send 26 to the Treasurer of the Eastern Division, and 26 to the Treasurer of the Western Division; to be distributed as follows :

To the Governor	8	The Officers of the House, and Council, each	1
To each of the Council	2	To the Clerk of the House, for the Use	} 4
To the Agent	6	of the House.	

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the House, or their Order, as follows :

For

"Very far is it from our Intention, to deny our Subordination to that august Body, or our Dependence on the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*; in these Connections, and in the Settlement of our Liberties, under the auspicious Influence of Your Royal House, we know our Happiness consists; and therefore, to confine those Connections, and to strengthen this Settlement, is at once our Interest, Duty, and Delight: Nor do we apprehend, that it lies within our Power, by any Means more effectually to promote these great Purposes, than by zealously striving to preserve in perfect Vigour, those sacred Rights and Liberties, under the inspiring Sanction of which, inconceivable Difficulties and Dangers opposing, this Colony has been rescued from the rudest State of Nature, converted into a populous, flourishing, and valuable Territory; and has contributed in a very considerable Degree, to the Welfare of *Great-Britain*.

"Most Gracious Sovereign,

"The incessant Exertion of Your truly Royal Cares, to procure Your People a Prosperity equal to Your Love of them, encourages us with all Humility to pray, that Your Majesty's Clemency will be graciously pleased to take into Consideration our unhappy Circumstances; and to afford us such Relief, as Your Majesty's Wisdom shall judge to be most proper."

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the said Petition, and transmit the same to the Agent, to be presented to His Majesty.

Mr. Borden, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Report. To which the House agreed.

at Newark, Second-River and Bergen, in the Years 1762 and 1763.

1764, Feb. 3. By Cash they received of Stephen Skinner, Esq; Treasurer, - - *Contra* *Cr.*
£. 500 : 00 : 0

N.B. This Account, all but the two last Articles, was settled June 1767, but could not be reported for want of the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts.

We the Subscribers, being three of the Committee on publick Accounts, have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of Messrs. Ogden and Dey, and do report a Balance due to the Government of Twenty three Pounds seven shillings and nine pence.

Perth-Amboy, May 7, 1768.

JOS. BORDEN,
JOHN JOHNSTON.
JOHN HART.

For Perth-Amboy	12	Gloucester	30
Middlesex	30	Salem	24
Monmouth	46	Cumberland	24
Essex	30	Cape-May	18
Somerset	30	Hunterdon	50
Bergen	20	Morris	24
City of Burlington	12	Suffex	20
County of Burlington	30		

Ordered,

That the said Printer do forthwith print 556 Copies of the Laws which may be passed this Session, and send 522 as soon as possible to the several Members of this House.

For

For the Use of <i>Pertb-Amboy</i>	8	<i>Gloucester</i>	41
<i>Middlesex</i>	40	<i>Salem</i>	42
<i>Monmouth</i>	47	<i>Cumberland</i>	36
<i>Essex</i>	36	<i>Cape-May</i>	24
<i>Somerset</i>	41	<i>Hunterdon</i>	59
<i>Bergen</i>	30	<i>Morris</i>	24
City of <i>Burlington</i>	8	<i>Suffex</i>	33
County of <i>Burlington</i>	53		

To be distributed in each County, as follows :

To the Members each	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Assessors, each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1	First Judge of each County	1
Collector of each County	1	Each Justice of the Peace	1

Which said several Laws are to be left in the Hands of the respective Members, to be delivered when called for by the respective Persons to whom they belong.

And the said Printer shall send the Remainder to either of the Treasurers, to be given as follows :

To the Governor	4	Attorney General	1
Each of the Council	1	Clerks of the House, each	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court	1	The Agent	4
Clerk of said Court, for each Office	1	The Clerk of the House, for the	} 4
Treasurers each	1	Use of the House	

Ordered,

That the Printer do send the Laws and Votes, when printed, for the Counties of *Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland* and *Cape-May*, to the Care of *Joseph Borden, Esq*; to be forwarded to the several Members of the said Counties.

Resolved,

That this House will defray the Expence the said *Joseph Borden* is at in forwarding the said Laws and Votes to the respective Members.

A Message from the Council, by *Lord Stirling*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks, &c.* with several Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this being a Money Bill, this House cannot admit the Council to amend the same; and therefore this House do adhere to their Bill, and reject the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Leaming* and *Mr. Wetherill*, do carry back the said Bill with the Amendments, to the Council, with this Resolution.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, May 9, 1768.

The House met.

Mr. Leaming reported, that *Mr. Wetherill* and himself, delivered the Bill and Message to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

With Leave, *Mr. J. Lawrence* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun-Powder and Lead, and a Number of Fire-Arms belonging to this Colony, for the Use of the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to compel the several Officers, &c. to deliver to their Successors, &c. the Laws put in their Hands for the Use of the said Cities, &c.* And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for more effectually compelling the Assessors &c. to return exact and complete Duplicates, &c.* Also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from Joint-Partners, &c.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun-Powder and Lead, and a Number of Fire-Arms belonging to this Colony, &c.* was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 10, 1768.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun-Powder and Lead, and a Number of Fire-Arms belonging to this Colony, &c.* being read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Gieson* and Mr. *Clement*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Van Gieson* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself, delivered the Bill to them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd for an Hour.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* and Mr. *Rodman*, do go to the Council, and enquire, whether they have any further Business before them? if not, that this House proposes to apply to His Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Keasby* reported, that Mr. *Rodman* and himself, performed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Council do recede from the Amendments proposed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks, &c. in this Colony, &c.* And that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners, &c. to sell a Quantity of Gun-Powder and Lead, &c.* without Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government in this Colony, &c.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, without any Amendment.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Stevens*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott; without any Amendment; and that the Council have no further Business before them.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Miller*, do wait upon His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House have gone through all the Business before them, and are desirous of being dismissed.

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Mr. Fisher reported, that Mr. Miller and himself, waited upon His Excellency, according to Order, who was pleased to say, that the House should hear from him in Half an Hour.

A Message from His Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of this House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, with the House, went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*
2. *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.*
3. *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes.*
4. *An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns.*
5. *An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from Joint-Partners, within the Colony of New-Jersey.*
6. *An Act to appoint Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New-Jersey, with Furniture and other Necessaries, for accommodating the King's Troops, &c.*
7. *An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New-Jersey.*
8. *An Act for choosing Representatives for the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Suffex, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury.*
9. *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony, &c. so far as relates to Flax and Hemp.*
10. *An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate Slaves, as related to their Trial for Murder and other capital Offences.*
11. *An Act to regulate the Fishery within that Part of the Eastern Division of this Colony, from the Mouth of Rariton River Northward.*
12. *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*
13. *An Act to repair the publick Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same.*
14. *An Act to build a Bridge over South-River, in the County of Middlesex.*
15. *An Act to repair and amend the Publick Roads and Streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth-Amboy, and to repair the Town Wharff in the said City, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Northern Ward.*
16. *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequannock, in the County of Morris, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose.*
17. *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose.*

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18. *An Act for more effectually compelling the Assessors within the several Cities Townships and Precincts within this Colony, to return compleat and exact Duplicates of their respective Assessments.*

19. *An Act to compel the several Officers of the Cities, Townships and Precincts in this Colony of New-Jersey, to deliver to their Successors in Office, the Laws put in their Hands for the Use of the said Cities, Townships and Precincts.*

20. *An Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun-Powder and Lead, and a Number of Fire Arms belonging to this Colony, for the Use of the same.*

21. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the lower Meadow on Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester, &c. to keep up and maintain the Dam, Banks, and other Water Works already made; and erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for the more effectual draining and watering said Meadows.*

22. *An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, John Snook, Frederick Hayn, William Stroder, Philip Bemer, John Haas, Johannes Mayer, and Peter Colsher.*

23. *An Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott.*

And then His Excellency prorogued the General Assembly, to *Tuesday* the thirty first Day of *May* next, then to meet at *Burlington*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House of Representatives, I do appoint *James Parker* to print these Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,
Speaker.

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